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Seven held in bomb factory raids

IRA blitz on gas and water plants foiled

By Stewart Tendler and Bill Frost

AN IRA plot to blast gas, water and power installations and cause massive disruption to London and the South East was foiled by Scotland Yard detectives yesterday.

Hours before the first bomb was due to be primed, armed police raided houses in south London and discovered 36 devices under construction. Seven men were arrested and last night police were hunting for a cache of up to 180lbs of Semtex. The head of the Anti-Terrorist Branch said that the bombers had been stopped "in the nick of time".

Their targets would have included electricity switching centres, pumping stations and gas plants. Bombs may also have destined for the rail network and police are studying several lists of other potential targets.

Police believe small but powerful bombs would have been used and the devices were similar to a new design first seen in a huge explosives find at Clonaslee, Co Laois, two weeks ago.

The bombings would have been the most ambitious campaign mounted by the IRA in mainland Britain. The terrorist high command abandoned the use of young, unknown recruits and is believed to have gathered some of its most experienced hands. At least one of the men held is suspected of operating on the mainland before.

One police source said: "This is the A-team." Another senior officer said: "This is one of the best operations we have had and this was a first-class team the IRA put out. We have headed off some of the most important and experienced players they have sent over here for some years."

Three of the suspects were held at a house in Lugard Road, Peckham, as police fired "rip rounds" of CS dust into the building. One was seized as he tried to flee naked. Inside the house police found 36 time and power units laid out charged and ready to be linked to explosive. Another four men were arrested in Woodbury Road, Tooting, after police smashed the hinges of the front door with a special shotgun round.

The raids followed a surveillance operation launched two weeks ago. Teams of Special Branch detectives and MI5 officers followed members of a large active service unit as they reconnoitred utilities in and around London. They also used special equipment to watch a network of addresses across south London.

After the arrests, Commander John Grieve, head of the Anti-Terrorist Branch, said: "I believe we were only a few hours away from grave loss of life and serious disruption to ways of life in the capital and the South East." Commander Grieve said the men were being questioned about the campaign and the arrests were not being linked to any other IRA attacks.

After the raids, Bill Pulman, who lives opposite the rundown Victorian house in Lugard Road, described how he had seen a naked man jump from a side window as police fired CS gas rounds at the front door of number 61. "They were banging to get in and he went out of the side. Then two armed officers held him at gunpoint," he said.

Mr Pulman had been woken by shouting and other loud noises from the street at about 2am. "When I looked, I think there must have been 60 officers out there. They tried to break the front door in, but couldn't. Then they smashed the front windows to get inside. There was some banging which I thought was gunshots. But now I know was the gas canisters being fired."

Last night a large green tarpaulin covered the front of the building. Scene-of-crime officers and forensic scientists came and went constantly through a flap.

Tom Johnstone, a garage owner whose yard overlooks the back garden of number 61, was told by detectives that the search could last a week. He said police spent hours taking boxes out of the house. "My first thought once it sank in was how easy it might have been to trigger one of these devices — we use mobile telephones here all the time."

Another man said that the house had been bought by a family two years ago who planned to turn it into a gym. The neighbour said they had fallen behind on their mortgage repayments and the property had been vacant.

Four miles away in the similarly run-down Woodbury Street, a woman described how the police emerged from number 58 carrying two men whose ankles and wrists were tightly taped together. They lay them on the pavement face down and searched them at gunpoint, she said.

Some hours later, the police took away a dark Peugeot 405 saloon found near by. Two more homes near Woodbury Street were also raided, but no arrests were reported.

☐ Police in the Irish Republic found 16 mortar bombs loaded with Semtex during the raid in Clonaslee, Dublin's Special Criminal Court was told yesterday. They also found 36 timing units, 30 kg of Semtex, detonators, 44 mortar launch tubes and propulsion units. Michael Cully, 46, a farmer from Clonaslee, was remanded in custody on explosives charges.

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Peace meeting

John Major promised last night to "try again and again and again" to remove the obstacles to peace in Northern Ireland as he launched moves to patch up the bitter rift in Anglo-Irish relations. The Prime Minister criticised John Bruton's attack on the British Government's handling of the Orange dispute as unhelpful" but agreed to Dublin's request for an early formal meeting. He said that the only people "rubbing their hands with glee" were the IRA who had scored a propaganda victory............ Page 10

SIMON WALKER

Imran Khan arriving at the High Court in London yesterday with his wife, Jemima, and his counsel in his libel battle, George Carman QC

Botham opens batting against Imran Khan

By Joanna Bale

IAN BOTHAM went into the witness box in the High Court yesterday to defend himself and English cricket against what he sees as Imran Khan's allegations of cheating, racism and lack of class.

The former England captain is suing Imran for libel over an article in *The Sun* in which he said that illegal ball-tampering was common among fast bowlers.

Botham and his England colleague Allan Lamb are also suing the former Pakistani captain over an article in *India Today* magazine which Charles Gray, QC, described as an offensive personal attack. "Firstly, he called them racists. Secondly, he called them uneducated. And thirdly, he accused them of lacking class and upbringing."

The case, which is expected to last ten days in Court 13 could cost the loser £500,000 in costs alone. George Carman, QC, is representing Imran, who sat with his pregnant wife Jemima, demure in a pale blue kameez, at the front of the court.

Botham — in navy suit, Robin Smith testimonial tie and his wayward locks uncharacteristically shorn — said: "I've come to this court because I was very proud of what I achieved in sport and to be called racist — which is one thing I have fought against for most of my life — and to be called a cheat is something I take great offence to.

"I don't really care if a guy is green or yellow or has pink spots and comes from Mars — if I'm playing sport against him, I'm playing sport against him. I like to think I could touch down anywhere in the world and knock on someone's door and, whatever creed or nationality, they would be pleased to see me and I would be pleased to see them." As for ball-tampering, he had never broken the laws of the game: "I've never thought it was necessary."

Mr Gray told the jury that Imran had admitted in his autobiography that he had tampered with the ball and had claimed in *The Sun* that it had been going on for 20 years. "The biggest names of English cricket have all done it and when I say 'big names' I mean as big as you can get."

Although not named, Mr Gray said that Botham believed that the inference was that he, too, had been guilty. Imran denies libel, claiming the words are not capable of the defamatory meaning.

In the *India Today* article, Imran was reported to have said that the ball tampering issue had been blown out of all proportion because of racism and the class problem in English cricket. Those who took the "rational side" in the controversy — Tony Lewis, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Derek Pringle — were all educated Oxbridge types. "Look at the others — Lamb, Botham, Trueman. The difference in class and upbringing makes a difference."

Botham, the secondary-modern educated son of a serviceman, told the court: "I don't quite understand what class has to do with it."

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"My husband's in. I just want to know what he's made"

Botham: "never found cheating necessary"

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Twins tragedy

Siamese twins born in a Glasgow hospital last week died in their parents' arms yesterday. The girls shared a heart and a lung, and doctors decided not to try to separate them because the parents did not want to sacrifice one for the other. The mother had been told only hours before delivery that something was wrong .... Page 3

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Law Society chief voted out after turbulent year

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

MARTIN MEARS, the controversial president of the Law Society, was ousted from office last night after a knife-edge vote in which he was defeated by just over 600 votes.

He lost to Tony Girling, 52, a long-standing Law Society council member, by 641 votes, after the most turbulent year in the profession's history during which Mr Mears alienated large numbers of solicitors by his provocative statements and in particular his attacks on what he saw as the fashionable ideology of "political correctness".

A total of 32,437 solicitors turned out to vote — 45 per cent of those eligible in England and Wales — and ended Mr Mears' revolutionary era as leader of the solicitors' profession.

Mr Girling, managing partner in his own 27-partner firm Girlings, in Canterbury, polled 15,911 votes against Mr Mears' 15,239 votes. The other candidates in Mr Girling's team were also successful: Phillip Sycamore, a personal injuries lawyer, defeated Robert Sayer, now vice-president, by 16,319 votes to 14,852. Likewise, the third candidate in the team, Michael Mathews of Clifford Chance, the City law firm, defeated David Keating, a high street practitioner of Hartlepool, by 16,080 votes to 14,359.

Last night Mr Mears issued a statement from his home in Norfolk, pledging that he would stand again. "I warmly congratulate Tony Girling and his associates on their victory," he said. "I will give them every assistance and cooperation for the benefit of the profession — particularly in opposing the legal aid White Paper."

Mr Girling said after his triumph that it would not be "business as usual" — an indication that he did not want to turn the Law Society back to the pre-Mears era. He said: "I dedicate myself to the service of the whole profession." He pledged to promote client service and access to justice.

Mears: alienated large number of solicitors

British Energy loss for small investors

By Christine Buckley

SMALL shareholders who bought shares in British Energy yesterday saw their investment slump 10 per cent in the worst privatisation since the market collapse in 1987 hit the BP offering. No other government sell-off has plunged to less than the original price on the first day of trading.

Private investors are further frustrated by the fact that they cannot bail out of their shares because they will not get certificates until the middle of next week and will only then know how many shares they have been issued.

The shares opened at 103p, the price of the institutional offering, but ended at 94p, having touched a low of 92½p. This was despite BZW, the Government's brokers, having weighed in to the market to try to support the price. Some 606,000 applied for shares at a discounted rate of 100p. Shareholders should start receiving the certificates by the end of the two-week closure of Hinkley Point B and Hunterston B, when it should be known if the stations need to remain closed for longer.

The stations were shut for technical problems hours after the end of the public offer. Institutions still had time then to decide whether they wanted to invest.

Bob Hawley, British Energy's chief executive, denied that the small investors had been misled and said that the prospectus had drawn attention to the technical issues.

Shareholders who bought the minimum allocation of 300 shares lost £18 yesterday and it will cost them a further £20 in fees to sell. Labour accused the Government of selling off British Energy against economic sense.

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If only the Grand Old Duke of York had Sir Patrick to explain

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

TOTAL cock-up always brings out the best in the British, who cease carping and flock loyally to the defence of their leaders. In the Commons to discuss a cock-up of majestic proportions, the Northern Ireland Secretary found MPs readier to commiserate than to blame.

Sir Patrick Mayhew steadied his troops with masterly authority. After his impassioned defence of Northern Ireland's Chief Constable, we realised that the Grand Old Duke of York was anything but wobbly. His ten thousand men were fortunate in their General. His Grace was a tower of strength: firm of purpose; a Hercules — but with bad PR. If the Duke had had Sir Patrick to explain, he would now be a national hero.

But surely, you ask, he did march his troops to the top of the hill? And surely he did march them down again?

Ah, but the situation had changed while they were on the hilltop! And, as Sir Patrick put it yesterday, "it would have been a weak man who, recognising that circumstances had deteriorated gravely since the original decision, nonetheless, through fears of facile accusations of a U-turn, held — in quite different circumstances — to the original decision."

Lacking Sir Patrick's advocacy, the Duke of York's reputation has succumbed to those facile accusations. It could have been so different.

Oh, the Grand Old Duke of York,
He had ten thousand men.
He marched them up to the top of the hill
And, fearless in the face of facile accusations of a U-turn,
He marched them down again.

The Northern Ireland Secretary received a restrained and mostly sympathetic reception in Parliament yesterday. Flanked by a Prime Minister who looked profoundly depressed, he found only a few ready to point the finger of blame in any direction, and Mo Mowlam (his Labour Shadow) prepared only unwittingly to echo Peter Simple's fictional Dr Heinz Kiosk: "We are all to blame," she cried. But that's how it goes in British politics. If you slip on a banana skin, everybody screams for your resignation. If you tip over the whole fruit-barrow, everyone calls for restraint at this moment of grave tension and national perplexity.

Peter Brooke, Sir Patrick's predecessor as Northern Ireland Secretary, listened in silence. Mr Brooke once sang *Oh My Darling Clementine* on Irish television. It brought down upon his head the abuse of the whole political establishment and the British media. He offered his resignation, staggered on, but never completely recovered. But that was because we all know the tune of *Clementine*. The affair amounted to no more than a small silliness, MPs understood the issues, and we were pleased to have an opinion on it.

Yesterday was different. MPs were faced not with a gaffe, but a monumental blunder. They were therefore out of their depth. It is unfortunate for Mr Brooke that he did not mortar-bomb the headquarters of Irish Television, instead of singing a song on it. He would then have been regarded as controversial rather than silly, his decision debated as a "difficult" one.

Among the few who spoke unambiguously, Dennis Skinner noted the Government's insistence that it stood aloof from operational decisions by chief constables. The aloofness, he said, was selective: it was a pity Arthur Scargill and his striking miners had not worn orange sashes and bowler hats.

Blair puts fairness first for industrial policies

BY ANDREW PIERCE
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR last night promised the business community that he would not sign up to measures in the Social Chapter that would damage Britain's competitiveness.

In a letter to 10,000 businesses, the Labour leader said that he was aware that the Social Chapter and the minimum wage caused concern but insisted that he would only agree to policies that promoted fairness.

"A new Labour government will insist that any new measures adopted under the Social Chapter promote fairness, not inflexibility. It will not be used to import foreign social security systems or ways of organising the boardroom," he wrote.

Mr Blair accused the Tories of gross distortion of the contents of the Social Chapter. "There are in fact only two measures agreed under it. Consultation for employees in Europe-wide companies and parental leave. Neither of these pose any threat whatsoever to the competitiveness of British companies. Indeed, many of our largest firms have voluntarily adopted works councils."

Mr Blair also made clear that a Labour government would be reasonable in its approach to setting up a minimum wage. "A figure will not be plucked out of the air arrived at by an arbitrary formula. There will be full consultation with business, including small firms, and proper account will be taken of the economic situation."

"I hope that by making clear our plans, I will assure you of new Labour's commitment to the success of British business. My aim is to create a constructive and positive partnership between business and a Labour government."

Goldsmith's Labour militants, page 16

Joan Lestor creates gap in Shadow Cabinet

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

LABOUR'S Shadow Cabinet elections took a fresh twist yesterday when Joan Lestor, the veteran leftwinger and Shadow Minister for Overseas Development, announced that she would not be standing in next week's poll.

Her decision, creating an unexpected vacancy in Labour's 19-strong elected high command, raised the prospect of a larger field entering the race than had been thought likely.

Supporters of Tony Blair are clearly hoping that the existing team will be re-elected, with Jack Cunningham, the Shadow Heritage Secretary, eliminated last year, replacing Miss Lestor.

Miss Lestor's move may boost Harriet Harman's chances of re-election but Dawn Primarolo, a member of Gordon Brown's Treasury team, was also considering her options last night.

As a prominent leftwinger and long-time member of the Campaign Group, Ms Primarolo is regarded as more likely than Ms Harman to pick up Miss Lestor's votes. All Labour MPs have to cast votes for at least four women.

A fierce campaign involving members of the front bench is under way to support Ms Harman, the Shadow Health Secretary, in her efforts to survive the furore over her decision to send her son to a grammar school. In the end, Ms Primarolo may be dissuaded from standing. Today in the Commons Ms Harman has an opportunity to shine during questions to Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary.

It is understood that Miss Lestor has been suffering from a form of exhaustion and has been given medical advice to take a break from front-line politics.

She said: "It is with great sadness that I am stepping down from the Shadow Cabinet on medical advice.

"The job is too important not to have the full energy that it deserves and which, with regret, I am unable to give."

Ms Lestor served as a minister in the Wilson and Callaghan governments but has been happy to take a series of low-profile posts on overseas development, children and the family.

She said Labour's new overseas development paper provided for a new Department for International Development headed by a Cabinet minister. She added: "This is a key post which will make significant demands on its incumbent."

Ms Lestor's long political career started when she joined the party 41 years ago. She went on to become a councillor and was elected MP for Eton and Slough in 1966. She resigned as a minister in 1976 over education cuts.

She lost her seat in 1983 but was returned as MP for Eccles in 1987 and has held a succession of frontbench posts and served on the National Executive Committee.

Lestor: joined Labour Party 41 years ago

Mark Payne and 6ft 2in Ira Emelianova, who is temporarily protecting him

GP hires Russian wrestler to protect him on night calls

A FAMILY doctor worried about his safety during night visits has hired a world champion woman wrestler as a bodyguard.

Dr Mark Payne had become so intimidated by gangs of youngsters during his night calls in Birmingham that he signed up Ira Emelianova, who is 6ft 2ins and 14 stone. She is the reigning world champion at sambo wrestling, a form of self-defence popular in her native Russia. Her prowess has attracted the makers of the James Bond films, who have approached her about a part in the next 007 movie.

Dr Payne said he decided to draft in Ms Emelianova after a call at the weekend when he was attacked by a dog and threatened by a patient's relative. "I don't think anyone would be mad enough to take on Ira in a fight," he said.

"I know she rather lives up to the stereotype of the macho Russian woman but she is gentle at heart. Still, when she is at work the only thing on her mind is to protect me — and she does that with extreme prejudice. She takes no prisoners."

Ms Emelianova has accompanied Dr Payne on calls for the past two nights. Unsurprisingly, Sunday night passed off without incident.

Ms Emelianova, who is in Birmingham on holiday with her husband Constantin Tinovitski, is famous in her homeland as a wrestler. She commands a huge salary for her sideline as a bodyguard, working for women politicians and daughters of prominent personalities.

Dr Payne befriended Mr Tinovitski while the couple were on a visit to Britain 18 months ago and invited them over for a return visit. He said Ms Emelianova would be on stand-by for the next week before she returns home to begin her preparations for the next world sambo wrestling championships in Japan.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Church recovers from £800m loss

The Church of England has returned to a sound financial position after losing £800 million on property investments in the 1980s, its General Synod, meeting in York, was told yesterday. Latest figures show that the Church Commissioners have recouped most of the losses and now manage assets of £2.7 billion.

Sir Michael Colman, First Church Estates Commissioner, said that churchgoers had responded generously to the need for increased giving. He added, however: "It is, naturally, taking some time for church people to forgive the commissioners for past mistakes and to understand that there is simply not enough money from the historic assets to pay for everything." Dean of Lincoln attacks Carey, page 4

Government banker sale

The agency that pays the pensions of some 1.6 million public servants and acts as banker to the Government is to be privatised. David Heathcoat-Amory, the Paymaster General, announced the sell-off of the Paymaster Agency in a Commons written reply yesterday. The agency operates some 1,800 bank accounts for government departments, NHS trusts and other public sector bodies.

Pay reform for Forces

Defence chiefs want a flexible pay structure to reward skills, experience and performance in the Armed Forces, it was disclosed yesterday. Pay rates should overlap between ranks, so those doing well can be paid more even if they cannot be promoted, they argue in recommendations to ministers after reviewing the Bett report into pay and conditions. They reject the proposal to end pensions for those leaving at 40.

Ignorance on drugs

Nine out of ten teenagers responding to a survey on drug use said they were ignorant of the effects of Ecstasy and similar substances. The majority of 50,000 schoolchildren questioned after the death of Leah Betts said they wanted tough, factual drug education. Many found existing programmes patronising and almost half assumed that Ecstasy was safe if there were no ill-effects on first taking it.

Massive heroin haul

Customs officers in Calais have found £11 million worth of heroin in a lorry destined for England via the Channel Tunnel. The haul, the biggest in France since 1972, came after a routine check on a British lorry last Thursday. It included amphetamines, cocaine, synthetic drugs and cannabis. The British driver, who came from Holland, through Belgium to France, is being held in custody.

Featherweight fortune

A feather-filled golf ball worth two shillings and sixpence in 1840 sold for £10,925 at an auction of golfing memorabilia in Glasgow. A gilt Open Championship medal won in 1885 at the Royal and Ancient Golf Club at St Andrews sold for £27,600, while a printed pamphlet of the Rules and Regulations of the Royal Perth Golfing Society dating from 1834, which shaped the modern game, went for a simliar sum.

Tories avert Forces homes sale revolt

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS appear to have averted a Tory backbench revolt today over the proposed sale of 60,000 Armed Forces married quarters thanks to a report that gives backing to the plan.

The Commons Defence Select Committee has brought forward to today the publication of its report into the sale of the married quarters. It gives qualified support to the sell-off, which would include a £100 million upgrade for military homes.

But at least two Tory MPs have vowed to vote for a Labour motion calling for more consultation with military families before the sale goes ahead. Julian Brazier, MP for Canterbury, said: "I will feel I have no alternative. I have been opposed to this all along." Cyril Townsend, MP for Bexleyheath, and Nicholas Winterton, MP for Macclesfield, have also been highly critical.

Defence ministers, led by James Arbuthnot, yesterday tried to win round the rebels.

The Select Committee report, which was passed unanimously, will still make uncomfortable reading for Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary. It contains sharp criticism of the timing and handling of the sale.

"It has been a fiasco," said one senior committee member. "The report is highly critical of the way the issue has been presented although broadly we support the policy."

But the report will also make clear that the committee does not believe that the £100 million upgrade is enough.

Hunt is on for life in parallel solar system

THE search for extraterrestrial life has been given added impetus by the discovery of an Earth-like solar system 65 light years away (Nick Nuttall writes).

British scientists said yesterday that they were hoping to launch a spacecraft to see if the new system might harbour a planet with an atmosphere able to support life.

Dr Helen Walker, of the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, said a proposal had been accepted by the European Space Agency to build up to four spacecraft in a project codenamed Darwin. The spacecraft would be able to detect ozone, the gas that shields the Earth from the Sun's rays and makes our planet habitable. "Stars do not make ozone, only Earth-like planets do. It is hoped to have Darwin launched by 2015," she said.

The Earth-like solar system, which has a star called Vega at its heart, was first seen in 1983. Dr Walker said the solar system is, edge to edge, 900 Astronomical Units or 93 billion miles wide. "It is a similar size to ours and Vega is about as old as our Sun."

Dr Walker added: "It is possible that we might find life."

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Doctors ruled out separating girls

Siamese twins die in parents' arms days after birth

By Shirley English and Jeremy Laurance

THE Siamese twins who were born sharing a heart died last night in hospital in Glasgow. A spokesman at the Queen Mother's Hospital in Yorkhill said that the baby girls died in their parents' arms after they were taken off ventilation following a serious deterioration in their condition.

The girls had shared a heart and liver and may also have shared a bowel. Other organs, including the kidneys, had abnormalities.

Doctors had virtually ruled out any attempt to separate the twins after the parents said that they did not want one sacrificed to save the other. The deaths had been expected: doctors had said that the girls would probably survive only days or weeks.

Dr Barbara Holland, a consultant paediatrician, said that the parents had made their decision after long discussions with doctors who had made it clear that, whatever action was taken, the chances of survival for both babies was "very poor". Dr Holland said: "There is no conflict between the medical opinion and the parents' opinion."

The twins' mother learnt only hours before the delivery that it was a multiple birth and that something was wrong. The woman, who has not been named and is in her 30s, had a textbook pregnancy until a routine antenatal appointment the day before the birth revealed that she was carrying twin girls joined at the chest and abdomen and that they shared a heart.

Dr Kevin Hanretty, consultant obstetrician at the Queen Mother's Hospital, where the twins were delivered on Thursday, said the diagnosis had come as a shock to the parents, who were extremely distressed. They had other children but no history of twins in the family, he said.

The parents' decision not to permit surgery to separate the twins would probably be backed by the courts, an expert on medical ethics said yesterday. Dr Richard Nicholson, editor of the *Bulletin of Medical Ethics*, said: "I think the parents' decision makes a lot of sense. The courts would be unwilling to take a decision that would result in the death of one of them, unless its death was imminent anyway."

During a routine check at the woman's local hospital last Thursday, when she was 36 weeks pregnant, doctors became concerned at the size of her womb. She was transferred to the Queen Mother's Hospital, where two scans confirmed that she was carrying Siamese twins. Hours later she went into labour and the girls were born by Caesarean section with a combined weight of 11lb.

Until the final check, the mother had had only one scan at between eight and 12 weeks and a blood test at 15 weeks. Dr Hanretty, who helped at the birth, declined to comment on why the abnormalities went undetected for so long. He said that it was usual practice for women to have a scan only at the beginning and end of uncomplicated pregnancies. "Ordinary twin pregnancies may not be detected on the one scan. A conjoined pregnancy can be picked up at an early stage, but to say it is always picked up is quite wrong."

However, other experts said that giving an ultrasound scan at 12 weeks would be too early to pick up abnormalities in most cases and should be followed by a second scan six to eight weeks later.

Most hospitals carry out a routine "dating" scan at 15 or 16 weeks of pregnancy to check the size of the foetus and its likely time of delivery. Many follow this with an "anomaly" scan at 18 to 20 weeks when the spinal column is formed and doctors can check for defects such as spina bifida as well as examining the head, heart and kidneys.

Sheila Brown, director of the Birth Defects Foundation, said: "I'm surprised the scan was done at 12 weeks. It is rather too early to pick up malfunctions of that sort. Whether a later scan is ordered depends on whether the mother is thought to be at risk."

Dr Michael Patton, medical director of the foundation, said hospitals doing routine dating scans could pick up the presence of twins, but might miss abnormalities unless they followed it with a more detailed scan later. "It is slightly unusual not to pick up Siamese twins but it would depend how closely they were joined."

Dr Hanretty and Dr Holland: backed the parents

The scene at the High Court yesterday as Ian Botham gave evidence. Imran Khan, third from left, denies libelling Botham and Allan Lamb

Imran accused of 'gratuitous insult' to Botham and Lamb in ball-tampering row

By Tim Jones

THE former Pakistan cricket captain Imran Khan made a "dramatic admission" in an authorised biography published in May 1994, Charles Gray, QC, told the High Court yesterday.

His admission of ball-tampering, in breach of the laws of cricket, resulted in a hearing before the High Court in London yesterday in which the former England cricketers Ian Botham and Allan Lamb are suing him for libel.

The biography, by Ivo Tennant, cited a match between Sussex, for whom Imran was playing, and Hampshire during which Imran asked the 12th man to bring on a bottle-top. Mr Gray said: "The upshot was that the ball began to move around as not before. Sussex won and the umpires were none the wiser. These admissions of an international cricketer made quite an impact. Not to put too fine a point on it, he admitted cheating."

Lamb, Mr Gray said, was angry when he heard of the admissions, for he had been sued by another Pakistani player, Sarfraz Nawaz, for alleging that Sarfraz had tampered with a cricket ball. That libel action was dropped after four days and Lamb, in an interview, said that Sussex players had knowledge of that kind of thing happening when Imran was playing as their captain.

Mr Gray said that Botham, an all-rounder, denied ever tampering with a ball and rejected Imran's assertion that it was common practice in international cricket.

Mr Gray said that, in an interview in *India Today*, Imran had suggested the English media and some cricketers had exaggerated the ball-tampering issue for racial motives. Imran had also said that there was a class problem in the English game: "Look at the people who have taken the rational side in the controversy like Tony Lewis, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Derek Pringle. They are all educated Oxbridge types. Then look at the others — Lamb, Botham, Truman. The difference in class and upbringing makes a difference."

Both men, Mr Gray said, resented being called racist and that applied in particular to Lamb, who came from South Africa. In his interview, Imran had said there was a lot of racism in British society: "Look at people like Lamb and Botham saying: 'I never thought much of him anyway and look at him now and he has been proved a cheat.'"

Mr Gray said that, until last week, Imran had been going to rely on a defence of qualified privilege: that his statements were made in self-defence against allegations that he had been cheating. "But calling Ian Botham and Allan Lamb racists cannot reasonably be called self-defence. It is a gratuitous insult."

Now, Mr Gray said, the charges against Botham had advanced to claims that the allegations against him of cheating were true. Imran had searched through hours of television footage to prove his "exceedingly serious accusation" of ball-tampering against Botham. During the 1982 match against Pakistan, Botham was alleged to have interfered with the ball by using his nails to scratch it or to raise the seams. In the same year, against India, he was alleged to have interfered with a ball by throwing it to the wicketkeeper so that he could scuff it. However, Mr Gray said, several players were concerned that the ball was going out of shape. "You may or may not think it significant that no one at the time thought there was cheating or made a complaint."

Mr Gray said: "Mr Botham and Mr Lamb's case is that they were each called racists by Imran Khan, that their lack of education was sneered at by him and that their class and supposedly inferior upbringing were said to be the reasons why they have said what they have said about ball-tampering and cheating."

Rule 42 of the laws of cricket states that a player should not lift the seam of the ball or take any action which altered its condition. New cricket balls were handed to the jury, the judge and Imran's QC, George Carman, as Mr Gray explained the principles of swing-bowling and seam-bowling.

Beginning his evidence, Botham said he had been angered by the accusations of racism. Viv Richards, the former West Indian captain, was godfather to his son. Imran denies libel. The case continues.

Lorry driver 'planned to dump body in Italy'

A LONG-distance lorry driver planned to dump his wife's body in Italy after he strangled her, a court was told yesterday. His plan was foiled when his bosses sent him on local errands.

Michael Austin-Smith, for the prosecution, told Lewes Crown Court in East Sussex that, as he carried out deliveries in London, colleagues at Thomas Cowan's depot became concerned about his common-law wife Nora Follet, who was slumped in the back of his car outside the office. Mr Cowan had told his boss she was sleeping off a hangover. He had even draped a towel over the back window and set up a fan to keep her cool.

Mr Austin-Smith said the workers at the depot in West Thurrock, Essex, became increasingly concerned, forced the locks on car doors and discovered she was dead.

Mr Cowan had been due to go to Italy. "The Crown say he was obviously going to take her off to work and put her in his lorry to dispose of her."

He said that Mr Cowan had beaten up and throttled 64-year-old Miss Follet the night before after a heavy drinking bout. Mr Cowan, 46, of Deal, Kent, denies murdering Miss Follet last July.

The case continues.

Doctor in waitress case will return to his job

By Lin Jenkins

A CONSULTANT gynaecologist who was convicted of indecently assaulting a waitress by putting his hand up her skirt is to return to work later this week. Edward Shaxted, 49, had been suspended from his job at Northampton General Hospital since the charges were brought against him two months ago.

The decision was made yesterday after he and a representative of the British Medical Association had a half-hour meeting with Ken Lloyd, chief executive, and Sheila Shribman, medical director, at the hospital.

Most of the remaining nine members of the trust hospital's board were contacted by telephone and have agreed to ratify the decision reached at the meeting.

The General Medical Council has yet to conclude its own inquiry which began automatically when it was notified of the conviction.

The inquiry is likely to last several months and will determine whether his conviction merits a diciplinary hearing which could lead to one of the country's leading keyhole surgeons being struck off the medical register. However, since the crime was not committed on a patient, nor in a hospital, it is thought most likely that he will be given a reprimand.

"We are entirely separate from the hospital, it is the employer and we act in relation to the doctor's registration," the GMC said.

Dr Lloyd said that he and Dr Shribman took the decision after "discussions with a wide range of people in a position to have a valuable opinion". Mr Shaxted will begin a phased return to work later this week and build up to a full list of patients as soon as possible. Dozens of letters to the hospital were all in support of Mr Shaxted and expressed a wish that he be allowed to keep his job. "It was not an easy decision," Dr Lloyd said. "We needed to draw a line under this since the court has dealt with him and sentenced him. There has been huge support for his reinstatement.

"It was right to suspend him in the first place. It was only because of our anxiety about the relation between the charge and his work that we took it seriously in the first place. This person was not a patient and it was in a social environment.

"Equally we have heard the full extent of what took place and weighed that against his contribution. There are patients who will raise an eyebrow and they can go to someone else. There will be those who disagree with our decision."

Mr Shaxted was convicted last week after a two-day trial at Northampton Crown Court. He was given a two-year conditional discharge.

Mr Shaxted, who is married with two sons, insisted that all he did was accidentally brush the leg of the woman, aged 22, as he turned around to give his order. He said he could not comprehend why the case was bought against him.

Last night he said: "I do not think it would be appropriate for me to make a comment."

Shaxted: backed by chief executive of hospital

Partner in Mills & Boon dies aged 79

By Alan Hamilton

ONE of the most famous and most disrespected names in British publishing has died aged 79. John Boon, half of the most successful partnership in the history of romantic fiction, lived just long enough to see the chaste ground rules of Mills & Boon, an imprint which sells 15 million copies a year in Britain alone and 200 million worldwide, dented by the intrusion of more or less explicit coupling.

Sneered at by intellectuals, but still regarded as a boon and blessing to women by millions of devoted followers, the imprint was launched in 1908 by Mr Boon's father, Charles, and a colleague, Gerald Mills, both former employees of Methuen. Mr Boon inherited a seat on the board from his father and in the 1970s sold the pillar of British downmarket publishing to a Canadian firm, Harlequin.

Mills & Boon heroes were traditionally manly, monogamous and macho, sweeping melting heroines off their feet and whisking them into the sunset and everlasting married bliss. In recent years, faced with increasing competition from bolder publishers more ready to move from the parlour to the bedroom, Mills & Boon began to dip its toe into sado-masochism, rape and condoms, although the editors continued to grasp at the fraying threads of discretion.

A seminal moment came in 1994 with the publication of *A Date With Destiny*, which contained the passage: "She stared up at him, revelling in the lean, well-honed muscles . . . Her eyes dropped nervously . . . 'I must attend to certain matters, Audrey,' he rasped, 'before I forget.' A moment later he turned round . . ."

Boon himself was in the more traditional mould of romantic hero, a Cambridge athletics half-Blue, and a major at the D-Day landings who was mentioned in dispatches. He married and had four children.

He became a director of the company's Canadian parent, which two years ago ripped the bodice off tradition by sacking Mills & Boon's British managing director and editorial director, paving the way for heroines as career women with fax machines.

During his later years at Mills & Boon, colleagues frequently said that his success in managing the imprint sprang from his never having read one of his titles from cover to cover.

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Aspiring barristers face big dinner bill in training reforms

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

HUNDREDS of trainee barristers will have to travel to London from regional universities to eat traditional qualifying dinners under plans to expand training for the Bar. Some will log more than 10,000 miles.

The decision, made on Saturday by the profession's governing body, ends the monopoly on the training of barristers in London by the Inns of Court School of Law (Bar School) from autumn next year. It will also oblige would-be advocates to travel to the Inns of Court in London to eat dinners in hall.

Bar students must still eat a total of 18 dinners as part of their training. The idea is that they mingle in the dining hall with judges and senior barristers and absorb the ethos of the profession.

Students at the University of Northumbria at Newcastle, for instance, will have to travel more than 10,000 miles to qualify as barristers: the round trip of 548 miles multiplied by 18. A trip by train from Newcastle would cost £198 return with an overnight stay, a total of £3,564.

The cost will add considerably to the expense of their course, which is unlikely to be much less than the £5,000 charged to Bar students in London. There have been moves to reduce the number of dinners that Bar students must eat or, alternatively, to combine these with a training weekend or conference, but these are on hold until other Bar reforms are implemented.

The seven bodies validated to run the Bar vocational course are the BPP Law School in London; the College of Law (both full and part-time courses) in London, which is the main training body for solicitors; the Inns of Court School of Law; Nottingham Law School; the University of Northumbria at Newcastle; and the University of the West of England (Bristol), with the Cardiff Law School. They will provide a total of 1,430 places compared with the 1,100 offered now.

The expansion was generally welcomed yesterday but there was criticism that two of the Bar's biggest regional centres, Birmingham and Manchester, were not represented. Nigel Savage, incoming chief executive of the College of Law, which trains more than half of all solicitors in England and Wales, said that his college would produce a "Rolls-Royce" course for barristers.

But he added: "My own concern is that the outcome of the process means that there will be no course in a major provincial centre — such as Birmingham or Manchester. That is not the fault of the Bar Council. They must maintain basic standards and not allow under-resourced or inadequate courses to be run."

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Race to find £2m to stop export of painting

By Peter Foster

Export ban lifted: *Erminia Finding the Wounded Tancred*, by Il Guercino

THE fate of an important 17th-century painting by the Italian artist Il Guercino is uncertain today after a government order delaying its export to America expired at midnight last night.

Timothy Clifford, director of the National Galleries of Scotland, was given six months to raise more than £2m million to match a bid from the Getty Museum in Los Angeles for *Erminia Finding The Wounded Tancred*.

The picture, which has hung in Castle Howard in Yorkshire since 1772, is considered one of the masterpieces of Guercino's late work and part of the national heritage. A private sale, agreed between its owner, Simon Howard, and the Getty Museum, has been delayed in Whitehall for six months to give the National Galleries time to save the painting for the nation.

The vivid picture, which is the last Guercino remaining in private hands, depicts a scene from Torquato Tasso's epic 16th-century poem on the Crusades. Dating from 1649-50, it was bought to England in 1772 during the golden years of English collecting by Frederick Howard, fifth Earl of Carlisle.

Mr Clifford said yesterday that he was still short of the total needed but was "reasonably optimistic" that the money could be raised. The Heritage Lottery Fund has already promised £1.5 million if Mr Clifford raises a further £500,000.

Last night the National Art Collections Fund was meeting to discuss an application for a further £300,000 grant, leaving Mr Clifford in need of a further £100,000 to £200,000 to match the Getty bid.

Yesterday the Heritage Department said that the export deferral order would expire at midnight and that the Secretary of State would be reviewing the situation over the next few days.

Mr Clifford's fight to save the painting comes two years after he led a successful campaign by the National Galleries of Scotland and the Victoria and Albert Museum to stop the Getty Museum from buying Canova's sculpture *The Three Graces*.

Fiancée of road rage victim in car crash

By Michael Horsnell

POLICE engineers have examined a car driven by the fiancée of Stephen Cameron, murdered in May in an apparent road rage incident, after it was involved in an accident at the weekend.

Danielle Cable, 17, had been driving home after visiting Mr Cameron's parents in Swanley, Kent, when the accident happened on the A20. She was with Mr Cameron, 21, when he was stabbed to death during a roadside argument with the driver of a Land Rover Discovery only four miles away, off the M25, in May.

Ms Cable escaped without serious injury after the accident at Orpington, southeast London, on Saturday in which her Ford Escort rolled down a 50ft embankment. No other vehicle was involved. She managed to climb back to the road and flagged down a vehicle.

After fears that the car might have been sabotaged, police engineers examined it for tampering but yesterday declared there had been nothing wrong with it.

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Dean of Lincoln attacks Carey for resignation call

By Ruth Gledhill and Paul Wilkinson

THE Dean of Lincoln criticised the Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday after he called publicly for the resignation of the Dean and sub-Dean.

The Very Rev Brandon Jackson was on holiday considering his position when Dr George Carey called on him and Canon Rex Davis, his sub-Dean, to resign. In a statement issued yesterday on his return, Dr Jackson, 61, said: "It is regrettable that a matter which the Archbishop held out to those whom he met with as being 'private and pastoral' should have been projected by him into the public domain.

"While a private arrangement between Church members, be they so-called dignitaries of the Church or not, is one thing, such a public pronouncement with attendant press conference trappings has overtones that do not seem appropriate to the structure of legal relationships or for precedent-setting methodology."

Canon Davis has already said that he has no intention of stepping down. At the time of the Archbishop's intervention Church sources said that the Dean probably would go, choosing his moment to preserve dignity; but yesterday Dr Jackson said that Dr Carey's highly public actions and Canon Davis's subsequent comments had altered the situation and he was considering his position anew.

The Dean has been at loggerheads with clerical colleagues at Lincoln Cathedral since his appointment in 1989, on the recommendation of Margaret Thatcher, to sort out problems in the administration. They stem from a disastrous venture in 1988 when the cathedral's copy of Magna Carta was sent on exhibition to Australia, costing the cathedral more than £50,000 and the Australian Government almost £600,000.

Dr Jackson is convinced that accusations of sexual impropriety brought against him a year ago — and subsequently dismissed — were part of a plot to get rid of him. The woman involved, Verity Fr[illegible]stone, a cathedral verger who has since resigned and renounced her faith, is planning a civil action against him.

Last week Dr Carey, who has no powers to dismiss the two warring clerics, called a press conference to beg them to give up their posts at Lincoln. He described their dispute as "a scandal, dishonouring God".

Dr Jackson said that he had returned to a mountain of post. The vast majority supported his staying on, although he said: "There were a few saying 'You bastard.'"

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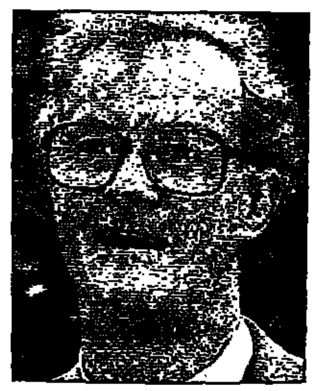

Jackson: position over resignation has altered

Tourists delayed by holiday hitch list

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

NEARLY 400 holidaymakers were stranded at Gatwick for more than 24 hours after a series of problems which included a crashed fighter plane and striking Greek air traffic controllers.

The Caledonian Tristar on which 393 passengers were due to fly from Gatwick to Preveza and Kefalonia in Greece was stuck in Malta because of delays caused by Greek air traffic control, the airline said. When it was given clearance to leave for Gatwick to pick up the passengers on Sunday, its crew was not allowed to fly it because they had gone over their legal flying hours.

The passengers at Gatwick were put up in hotels and promised an early departure yesterday. When the plane arrived, it developed a technical fault. The airline was then informed that a military aircraft had crashed on the runway at Preveza, putting it out of use for bigger aircraft such as the Tristar.

It could land only at Kefalonia, where some passengers were heading. The airline then chartered a ship and last night took the other 263 passengers to their destination.

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Marriage of 15 years is wound up in 2 minutes

By Alan Hamilton

CASE 5029 in the Principal Registry of the Family Division of the High Court yesterday could not have been in greater contrast to the wedding of the century in St Paul's Cathedral 15 years ago, when crowds lined the streets and a television audience of hundreds of millions looked on.

In a bare, functional courtroom decorated in pallid Civil Service eau-de-nil, the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales was provisionally ended in a swift and unadorned legal production-line process lasting barely two minutes. There were 31 other uncontested divorce petitions.

Senior District Judge Angel granted the couple a decree nisi, which cost the Prince £80. In six weeks' time he will be able to apply for a decree absolute, ending the marriage for an additional fee of £20. In the unlikely event that either party has a change of mind before then, they can appeal.

The only witnesses to the historic moment were the judge, his clerk Mrs Carol Burry, a doorkeeper and 28 journalists. The brief proceedings are held in open court, but no member of the public took advantage of the opportunity. As for the parties themselves, the Prince was thousands of miles away helping the Sultan of Brunei to celebrate his fiftieth birthday. The Princess remained at Kensington Palace, where she is rumoured to be planning a holiday to France with her fellow divorcée, the Duchess of York, whose marriage was ended by the same judge in the same room six weeks ago.

Documents relating to the case, which are open for public inspection, show that the Prince signed his petition for divorce at St James's Palace last Thursday, the day before the official announcement by the couple's lawyers and Buckingham Palace. Simple questions and answers on the pre-printed affidavit form tell the sorry story in the bleakest detail.

Question 4: State the date on which you and the respondent separated. "November 1993 was the date on which we offically separated."

Question 5: State briefly the reason or main reason for the separation. "Both myself and the Respondent recognised there were irreconcilable differences and that accordingly we could no longer live together."

Question 8: Since the date given in the answer to question 4, have you ever lived with the respondent in the same household? "No."

The answers, in fact, are not quite correct. John Major announced the Waleses' separation to the Commons on December 9, 1992, and their official parting is assumed to have commenced from that date. After drawing up detailed settlement proposals, the Prince's solicitors, Farrer & Co, made a clerical error at the last moment when faced with preparing a petition within hours of the Princess's acceptance of a financial offer believed to be worth £17 million. The error had no effect on the proceedings: even with the wrong starting date, the couple had been apart for the requisite two years.

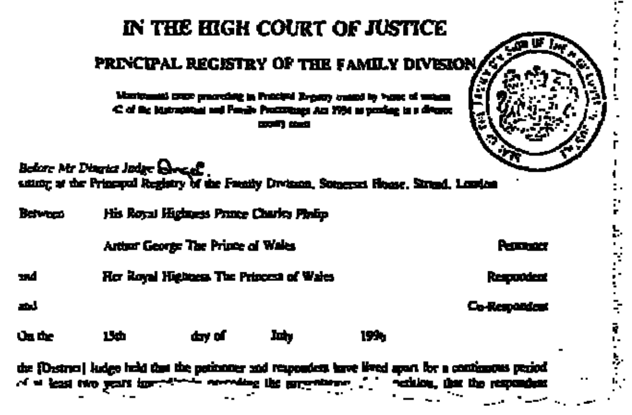
After Judge Angel had read the affidavits from the Prince and the Princess to satisfy himself that they had complied with the rules of uncontested divorce, all that remained in public was for him to ask if any party or person wished to show cause against the decrees being pronounced.

But first Mrs Burry stood up and in half a minute read the list of 32 names of petitioners in alphabetical order, with "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales versus Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales" second to last. Judge Angel, in black robes, white wing collar and wig, asked his question.

The courtroom remained silent. "I pronounce decrees and make orders in accordance with the respective district judges' certificates," he said. Another 32 of the 9,000 divorces processed by the Somerset House court each year had gone through on the nod.

The judgment is enshrined in the certificate of decree nisi, which states: "On the 15th day of July 1996, The District Judge held that the petitioner and respondent have lived apart for a continuous period of at least two years immediately preceding the presentation of the petition, and that the respondent consents to a decree being granted."

Robin West, the court manager, said as he ushered out the journalists that very few people turned up to see their own marriages ended. "To all intents and purposes, the hearings are a bit of a non-event." Even case 5029, which reduces princely fame to the common herd and a dull sheet of paper.



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sitting at the Principal Registry of the Family Division, Somerset House, Strand, London

Between His Royal Highness Prince Charles Philip Arthur George The Prince of Wales — Petitioner

and Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales — Respondent

and — Co-Respondent

On the 15th day of July 1996

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The decree nisi certificate for the Prince and *Princess and their signatures on the divorce papers*

Charles Diana

DAVID LOH

The Sultan and Prince of Wales at a Brunei Armed Forces march-past yesterday

Prince joins Sultan for birthday blowout

THE Sultan of Brunei celebrated his fiftieth birthday yesterday in a style befitting his status as one of the world's richest men — in the company of the Prince of Wales and the singer Michael Jackson.

Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Prime Minister, Finance and Home Affairs Minister and absolute ruler of the oil-rich speck on the island of Borneo, is spending about £17 million on his birthday bash, government sources said.

About £10 million has been set aside for three apparently free concerts by Jackson at Jerudong amusement park, the largest in southeast Asia, which never charges admission for Brunei residents or foreign visitors.

Another £6½ million has been spent on food and non-alcoholic drinks for the sultanate's 300,000 residents, and the capital is bedecked with bunting and flags. In his birthday speech at his 1,700-room, gold-domed palace, the Sultan again reminded his people of the need to diversify the country's oil-based economy.

Man was 'justified' in stabbing burglar

By A Staff Reporter

A MAN who came home to find a burglar ransacking his flat was fully justified in seizing a kitchen knife and stabbing him, a judge at the Old Bailey said yesterday. The burglar, Brian Firmager, 32, later died from a heart attack on the operating table at Guy's Hospital, where his accomplice, Tony Garrard, had taken him after they fled.

Firmager had attacked John Campbell with a pepper spray and baseball bat when he returned to his home and disturbed the burglars. "I have not the slightest doubt, that, in my judgment, Mr Campbell was fully justified in what he did in lawful self defence," Brian Higgs, QC, the Recorder, said. He jailed Garrard for six years for the aggravated burglary at Mr Campbell's flat in Holborn, central London, last January.

"Thugs like you who attack householders in this country and subject them to the violence that you two did cannot be surprised if the householders fight back in self-defence," the judge told Garrard.

When Garrard, 34, from Lee, southeast London, heard of the death of Firmager, from Bromley, southeast London, he went straight to police in tears and confessed, the court was told. "He still experiences the agony of it." Geoffrey Cox, for the defence, said. "This man has had it brought home to him the sheer absurdity, folly and error of his ways."

The burglars had picked Mr Campbell as they believed he had money from alleged drug dealing. They struck when Mr Campbell and a man who shared the house were out, attacking them when they returned. Firmager hit Mr Campbell about the head with a baseball bat, continuing the assault even after he had been stabbed.

The Crown Prosecution Service had considered prosecuting Mr Campbell but decided there would be no proceedings as it was thought to be self-defence. Mr Campbell, who needed three stitches after the attack, is awaiting trial on two drug-related matters.

Former boss sent letter bomb after takeover

By Stephen Farrell

A FORMER managing director was jailed for four years yesterday for sending a letter bomb to the company that ousted him in a takeover. Alvin Burgess had become obsessed that staff at Qualtec Engineering, Hereford, were opening his letters, Worcester, Crown Court was told.

Burgess, 36, built a potentially lethal explosive using about 140 grams of firework gunpowder and a nine-volt battery. The bomb was defused after employees noticed tubes protruding from the padded envelope. Burgess, of Droitwich, Hereford and Worcester, admitted sending an explosive device with intent to burn on May 18 last year.

Judge David McEvoy, QC, was told that Burgess, who had set up the company, was made redundant in 1994 when Ralph Engineering took it over. He disputed the valuation of his firm and, while his divorce was being negotiated, his wife discovered that he had had a £30,000 payoff. He became unhinged, over business and personal problems, Henry Graham, for the prosecution, said.

Philip LeCornu, for the defence, said Burgess had not intended to hurt anyone but was such a perfectionist that he had to make a real bomb instead of a hoax device.

CORRECTIONS

☐ Mrs Jennifer Powell, who is claiming unfair dismissal by the management company Chesterfield House (report, June 28), was a manager of that company, *and not of* Fenwick, the department store.

☐ The Crown Prosecution Service offered evidence against Robert Mazure (report, July 9) on a charge of murder, but that charge was dismissed at committal. A later attempt to have the charge added to an indictment for perverting the course of justice and assault was rejected by a High Court judge.

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Act aimed to protect public morals

Judge invokes 1926 law to curb reports on Moynihan case

By Kathryn Knight and Frances Gibb

THE colourful life and nefarious times of the late Baron Moynihan will remain shielded from the public eye after a High Court judge invoked a 1926 Act. The Judicial Proceedings Act, originally framed to protect the populace from moral outrage, is also be used to restrict press coverage in contested divorce proceedings.

Yesterday's case was initially brought to settle competing claims to the ancestral title of the third baron, who died from a stroke in 1991. At the time he was running a string of brothels in the Philippines, where he had fled 21 years earlier to escape a string of fraud charges. Two boys, aged seven and five, whose Filipina mothers claim they were Lord Moynihan's fourth and fifth wives, are laying claim to the title.

However, the case has now developed into arguments about the validity of Lord Moynihan's divorce decree from his fourth wife. The decision will help to resolve the women's competing claims to the title for their sons, Andrew and Daniel.

The court must decide whether Lord Moynihan's divorce from his Filipina fourth wife, Editha, in 1990 was fraudulently obtained, and his subsequent marriage to Jinna, a retired belly-dancer, therefore bigamous.

Lord Moynihan's half-brother, Colin Moynihan, 40, the former Tory Sports Minister, is keeping a watching brief at the hearing because he stands to inherit the title if Editha's and Jinna's children are proved illegitimate.

Legal argument centred yesterday on whether the case amounted to a contested divorce case and therefore whether press coverage should be restricted until the end of proceedings, as with other contested divorce cases.

Coverage of divorce proceedings are restricted under under the Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Act 1926, originally framed to restrict coverage of any court proceedings if it could be seen as injuring public morals. That function is rarely involved. But Sir Stephen Brown, president of the Family Division of the High Court, ruled that the spirit of the Act was relevant to the case. He therefore restricted coverage and ordered that reporting should be limited to names of parties and witnesses, charges and any counter charges, until he gives his ruling at the end of the hearing.

Colin Moynihan: wants to see the case settled

The case promised an insight into the antics of Anthony Patrick Andrew Cairnes Berkeley Moynihan, Third Baron of Leeds. It was known that he lived life to the full, building up a £3 million fortune from the sex industry and earning himself the nickname the Ermine Pimpernel. However, the Queen's Proctor then stepped into the case to challenge the legality of Lord Moynihan's divorce decree from Editha, 35, claiming that her signatures on the court papers were forgeries.

Mr Moynihan said outside the court that he does not care which way the decision goes as long as it is settled and he can get on with his political life. He wants to stand as an MP again — he lost his Lewisham seat in the 1992 general election — but if both the boys are ruled out of the title, he will not be able to offer himself as a candidate because he will become the Fourth Baron Moynihan and be elevated to the Lords.

Lord Meston, QC, representing the Queen's Proctor, told the judge that the decrees nisi and absolute granted to Lord Moynihan by Tunbridge Wells County Court in 1990 were void. It follows that his marriage to his fifth wife, Jinna, 31, would also be void because it was bigamous and their son Daniel would be illegitimate and therefore would not have a claim to the title.

Lord Moynihan's fortune in the Philippines — he left Britain with virtually nothing — will not be settled at this hearing, but is expected to go to one of the battling wives in Manila. Details of proceedings in the High Court will have to wait until Sir Stephen gives his judgment at the end of the hearing, which is expected to last 10 days.

The 1926 Act had a wider use when framed, which was to protect the populace from moral outrage as result of reading of "indecent matter" arising from any court reports. Under the Act, courts still have power to impose restrictions on what may be reported of "indecent matter". No report of proceedings may include indecent matter, or indecent medical, surgical, or physiological details, the publication of which would be calculated to injure public morals.

It is rarely used. Butterworth's textbook, *The Law of Journalism*, notes that "since public morality is in a constant state of flux it is hard to define those matters which would today be held to offend against this rule".

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Children at St Luke's School in Wolverhampton praying for their friends and teachers. The photograph was taken at the school's invitation

Mrs Bennett welcoming the children at assembly

Children return to school a week after machete attack

By A Staff Reporter

SMILING children returned to St Luke's School in Wolverhampton yesterday a week after a man attacked the nursery class with a machete.

Denise Bennett, the head teacher, greeted the children as they arrived with their parents. Police guards were posted at the front and rear entrances and the teachers arrived wearing personal alarms.

Only the nursery children were absent after the attack seven days ago which left three of them and four adults seriously injured. The nursery unit, where the attacker struck after a teddy bear's picnic, remained closed.

But as the children began to arrive shortly after 8.30am, an air of normality began to return to the school in Blakenhall. Youngsters said goodbye to their parents and joined their friends in each of the school's five classes, receiving a warm welcome from teachers. Then they filed into the school hall, brightly decorated with montages, including one of a rainbow saying: "Happy Days at St Luke's".

The children sat on the floor in a half-circle as Mrs Bennett told them: "We have had a really difficult time over the last week. What happened in our school was a terrible thing, but we have been thinking about you every day. By working together and playing together we can start to rebuild and feel happy again."

The children said a prayer for those injured in the attack and sang the hymn *Praise Him*. Mrs Bennett read them a story, *The Wind and the Waves*, about Jesus in a storm and compared it to the trauma experienced by everyone in the school.

The assembly finished with the children saying another prayer and singing a song, *I'm Special*.

After the assembly Mrs Bennett said that she was extremely heartened by the support of parents and children. She said that by working together they could overcome what had happened.

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Doctors urge tougher limits on drink-driving

By Jeremy Laurance, health correspondent

THE legal blood-alcohol limit for driving should be cut from 80 milligrams to 50 and random breath-testing introduced to enforce it, the British Medical Association said in a report published yesterday.

As the report was being published, a group of concerned organisations called for new legal limits on drink-driving to cut the 500 deaths caused every year by motorists who drink too much.

The BMA report, which is backed by the the cross-party Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety and the pressure group Alcohol Concern, says that seven of the 15 countries in the European Union have limits of 50mg or less, including France, which reduced its limit from 80mg last September.

Dr Fleur Fisher, the BMA's head of science, said: "The evidence in our report shows you don't have to be drunk to be a drink-driver who kills or maims. As soon as blood alcohol rises above zero, your ability to react behind the wheel goes steadily downhill."

The report, timed to coincide with the start of the Government's summer drink-drive campaign today, says that a reduction in the blood-alcohol limit in Australia from 80 to 50mg, combined with random breath-testing, dramatically reduced drink-driving.

It cut by 90 per cent the number of motorists with blood alcohol levels between 50 and 80mg and it reduced by 41 per cent the heavy drinkers caught driving with over 150mg of alcohol in their blood.

Dr Fisher said: "It didn't just impact on the moderate drinkers, it affected the heavy drinkers too."

Robert Gifford, director of the Parliamentary Advisory Council, said that although the association had been pressing for six years for lower limits without success there was now a more receptive mood in Parliament. The Labour Party has said that it is willing to consult on the issue and there is wide public support for lower limits. The door is ajar, if not absolutely open."

Mr Gifford said that, after the BMA appealed to Sir George Young last Christmas to introduce lower limits, the Transport Secretary said he would be interested to see research evidence supporting such a move. "Now we have that evidence pulled together in one report," Mr Gifford said.

The number of drink-related road deaths, after falling from around 1,500 in 1982 to 530 in 1992, now appears static with 510 in 1993 and 515 in 1994.

More drink driving-deaths now occur in the summer months than at Christmas, prompting the Government to repeat its Christmas advertising campaign this week showing badly injured car accident survivors.

Recompense for lottery winner

A MAN who hires out gaming machines has got his own back against his biggest rival by winning £1.8 million on the National Lottery. Robert Deakin, 50, who lets one-arm bandits to pubs and clubs, and his wife won a share of the £22 million rollover jackpot last weekend.

"The lottery has been hitting our customers very badly because people don't play the machines as much. So it's certainly nice to get some money from the lottery for a change. Revenge is very sweet," he said.

The Deakins with Nichola, left, Jonathan and Laura

Mr Deakin, of Porthcawl, Mid Glamorgan, was on holiday in Bruges, Belgium, with his wife, Marcia, 48, a care assistant, when they checked their lottery coupon on the hotel's teletext service. Mrs Deakin had not selected her usual six numbers because she forgot her glasses when marking the coupon.

"When I realised that my randomly chosen numbers were all on the ticket in my handbag we decided to abandon the holiday and come home immediately via the Shuttle," Mrs Deakin said. "It hasn't really sunk in yet. Now we're planning to take the whole family on another holiday, probably to America."

The Deakins, with daughters Nichola, 25, a pharmacist, Laura, 18, a student, and Jonathan, 27, a technician, received their cheque for £1,825,101 at a champagne reception in Cardiff yesterday.

Eight of the 12 who shared the jackpot prize have so far come forward to claim their winnings, with seven wishing to be anonymous.

Anti-guns campaign launched

By Richard Ford
Home correspondent

RELATIVES of victims of the Dunblane and Hungerford massacres will launch a campaign today to ban private ownership of handguns.

Gill Marshall-Andrews, a local government official who has set up the Gun Control Network, said: "After Hungerford, there was no public inquiry but there was a general expectation that a lot would be done and really very little was done. It is dangerous to assume that because the public expects something to happen, it will necessarily happen.

"We know the gun lobby is gearing itself up to launch a campaign against increased controls. They are building up resources for that purpose. We are countering that."

One member of the group is Mick North, 48, a university lecturer, whose wife died of cancer in 1993 and whose daughter Sophie, 5, their only child, died at Dunblane. He said in a statement: "Hungerford was described as unprecedented. Clearly it was not. Changes made in its aftermath were minimal and failed to protect my daughter and her friends. The danger to the public from legally held weapons is still there."

The shooting world is mounting a strong lobbying campaign and has asked gun users for £25 each towards the fight to prevent handguns being banned.

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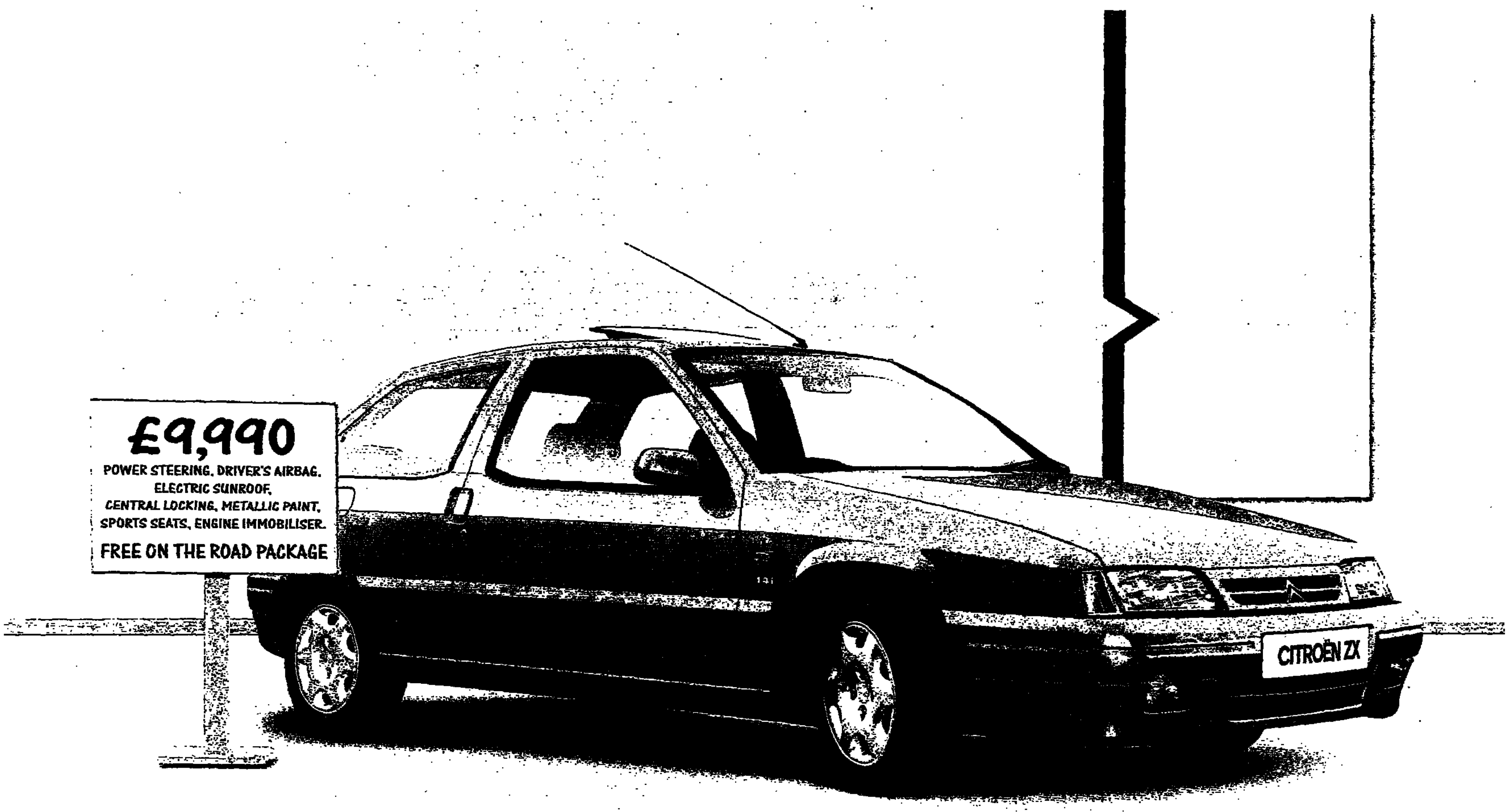
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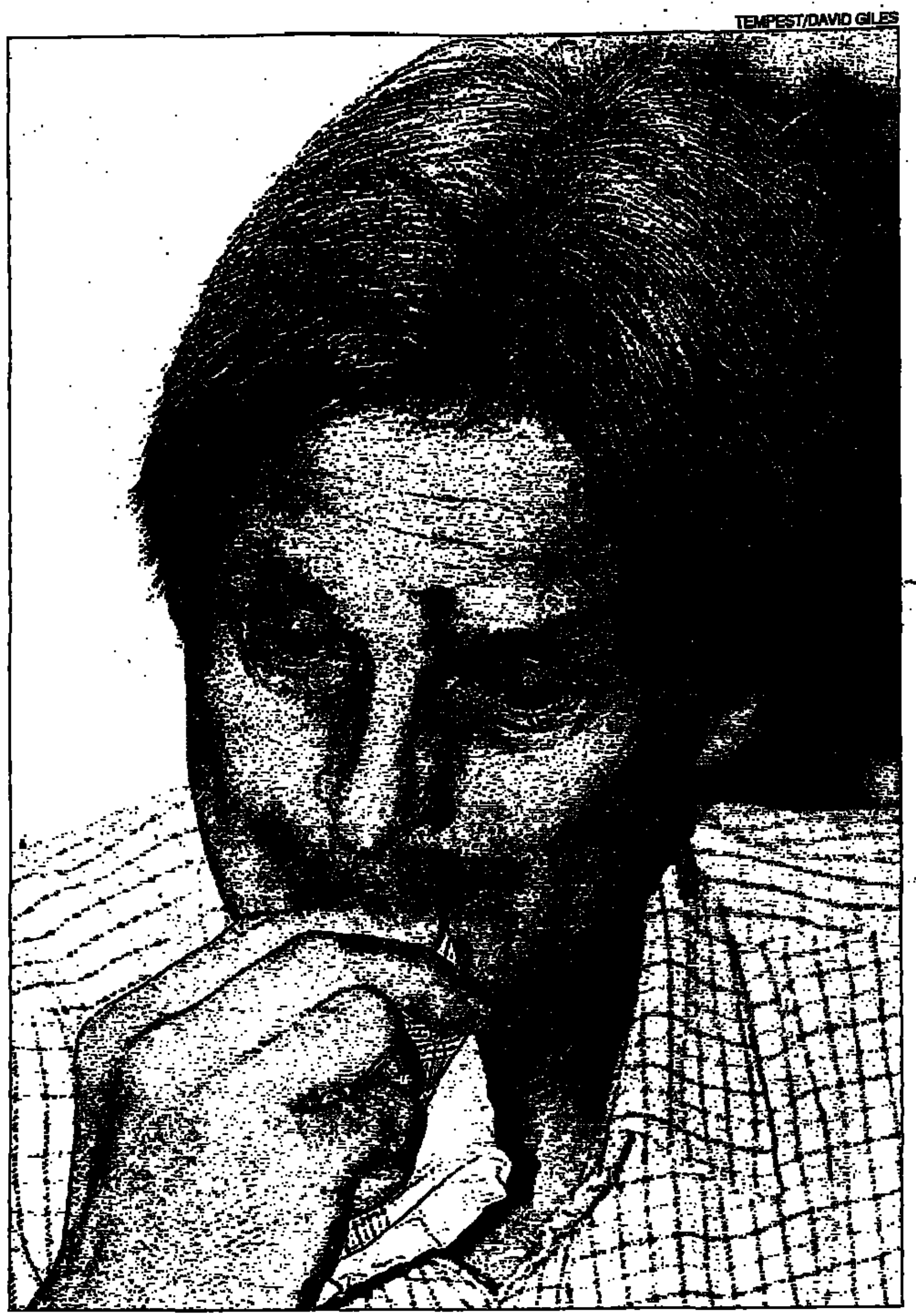

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Shaun Russell yesterday. Police praised his courage in agreeing to face the media

Bereaved father tells of shattered family life

By Richard Duce

THE husband of Lin Russell, who was murdered with her daughter last week in a field, said yesterday that having to help the girl's injured older sister to recover kept him going.

Shaking, and clutching a handkerchief, Shaun Russell, 44, said that Josephine, aged nine, was recovering slowly from serious head wounds inflicted by the hammer-wielding attacker. She is good at drawing and might be able to sketch the person who killed her mother and six-year-old sister, Megan.

"Every time I go to see her she is a little better," Dr Russell said of Josephine. "The doctors tell me she will have some impairment to her speech and mobility but should retain her intellectual capabilities. Yesterday she came out of intensive care and is now in a high-dependency unit and she's off the ventilator.

"She's got one eye open and is able to focus on me. She knows who I am but she can't talk. She doesn't yet know that her mother and sister are dead. I can't bring myself to tell her."

Dr Russell, a botanist who lectures at the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology in Kent, clutched the hand of a police officer as he said that his wife, a geologist, and daughter would be buried in the countryside of North Wales that they loved.

He described how the family had moved to Nonington, a village in Kent, from Snowdonia a year ago when he had been unable to find a new job. "We chose a beautiful part of the country to move to. I suppose to some people it was the idyllic life, with a beautiful listed cottage in the country. Lin had dedicated herself to building up the garden. We had ponies, the cats, dogs, the walking and cycling to school.

"The girls were very much country children. They grew up in South Africa and were both tomboys. They never needed television or many toys.

"They used to build dens and ride their ponies and make things. We never felt threatened or unsafe. We lived for 15 years in South Africa and two years in Namibia. Nothing horrid has ever happened to us before.

"Josie was four when she left [Africa]. She remembers crocodiles and canoeing on the Zambezi but we never felt unsafe. I stayed in my house for the first time last night [since the murders]. I saw the roads and the lanes in a different light from the way I did previously."

Speaking of the killer, believed by police to be a local man who had planned the attack, Dr Russell said: "The best thing that that person can do for everybody's sake and even for his own sake is to come forward.

"I fear for the safety of everybody who he is near — any animals he is near. He killed my dog as well as my wife and child."

Josephine: she is now out of intensive care

Police want to trace the driver of a car seen dumping a string bag into a hedge not far from the murder scene. Police found that the bag contained swimming costumes belonging to the girls. The man they want to trace is between 35 and 40, and about 5ft 6in tall with light coloured hair. He was driving a saloon car believed to be a Ford Escort.

Dr Russell said that, a week before the murders, an intruder had come into the garden and stolen a plant pot. "We talked of varying our movements so anyone wanting to steal from us wouldn't know our routine." He said that, for the few days before his wife was attacked, he had been collecting the children from school by car.

Mrs Russell was to have had more use of the car but, on the day of the murders, her husband had taken it to work because he needed to return a bicycle he had bought that had broken. "But Lin probably wouldn't have taken the car anyway because she and the children enjoyed walking so much," he added.

He said he did not know what he would do once Josephine was out of hospital. "I have a chance of a job next year working on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro. Josie would like that — she loved Africa — but we will have to see what her intellectual capabilities are.

"I swing between periods of complete desolation, but most of all I'm thinking about Josie. I want to get her over all this and back to some kind of life. I don't know what sort of life that will be but it will be the best I can give her."

Detective Chief Inspector David Stevens, who is leading the murder inquiry, said that Dr Russell had shown great courage in agreeing to be interviewed by the press. "It was very difficult for him but it was something he realised he should do to help the police."

Police have received many calls from the public and two have led to further confirmation that the Ford Escort-type car was seen in the area of the murders.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Stab victim to undergo Aids test

A security guard is to be tested for Aids after a burglar stabbed him with a hypodermic needle which he said contained infected blood.

The guard, 29, and a colleague were attacked by two burglars as they patrolled a factory owned by United Distillers in Laindon, Essex. Police said that one of the burglars plunged the needle into the guard's arm. Both men were left bound. The burglars stole a cash dispenser containing several thousand pounds.

Fantasy job hunt

More than 8,000 people have applied to audition for 300 jobs as "crew members" at Segaworld, the world's largest indoor theme park, which is to open at Piccadilly, London, this year. The park will provide virtual reality rides and games for up to 1.75 million visitors a year.

Reynolds payout

Albert Reynolds, the former Irish Prime Minister, accepted £10,000 damages and an apology from the publishers of a book describing him as a liar. Guinness Publishing admitted there was no truth in the allegation in *The Guinness Book of Political Blunders*, which was withdrawn.

False prophet

A woman appeared before magistrates in Llanelli accused of being a bogus medium. Geraldine Lee, 54, who lives at the Morfa gypsy camp in Llanelli, was charged under the Fraudulent Mediums Act of 1951. She was granted bail and the case was adjourned for two weeks.

£5m Ecstasy haul

Five men are due to appear in court today after the seizure of Ecstasy tablets with a street value of £5 million during a customs search of a car at the French end of the Channel Tunnel. The men, who will appear before Dover and Folkestone magistrates, come from east London and Essex.

Berlin medal sale

A gold medal won at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin is up for auction today. It was won by Major Lionel Emmett, 83, a member of the Indian hockey team which beat Germany 5-1. His Olympic memorabilia and service medals will be sold at Spink's, London.

Double quick

A 22-year-old woman is to give birth to two sets of twins in a year. Gillian Bogg, of Rendlesham, Suffolk, had her first twins, James and Georgina, in January. She is expecting a second set in December. Mrs Bogg also has a three-year-old daughter.

Witnesses differ over airshow crash

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

CONFLICTING evidence emerged yesterday as to the cause of the crash of a vintage wartime fighter in which one of Britain's most experienced pilots was killed.

Air accident investigators watched video and still films of the final moments of the Lockheed P38 Lightning as it cartwheeled and burst into flames in front of an airshow crowd and listened to often contradictory evidence from witnesses.

Some said the nose of the aircraft dropped suddenly and uncontrollably and that the plane appeared to dip to its right before impact. Others said that there appeared to be nothing wrong with the plane and that its wing simply clipped the ground as it began to turn and pull up towards a roll during the low-level flypast.

In the meantime, however, there was general acclaim for the experience and skill of Michael "Hoof" Proudfoot, the 54-year-old Britannia Airways captain and former RAF squadron leader who died in the crash at Duxford, Cambridgeshire.

Captain Proudfoot, from High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, had been with Britannia for 17 years since leaving the RAF, flying Boeing 757s and 767s to holiday resorts around the world. He flew vintage aircraft in his spare time and was one of the most respected and skilful display pilots in the country.

Roger Burnell, Britannia's managing director, said Mr Proudfoot's death during a display of vintage aircraft at the Imperial War Museum had been a shocking blow to the company. "He was an extremely competent pilot and he was held in high regard both personally and professionally. Everybody here is shocked and distressed by his death. Our thoughts are with his family."

Mr Proudfoot was an RAF officer from 1962 to 1979 and was decorated twice, winning the Queen's Commendation in 1971 and the Air Force Cross in 1974. He leaves a wife and two sons, one of whom, Lee, is also a pilot who used to work for Britannia.

The American Lightning Mr Proudfoot was flying when he died was the only one of its type still in existence outside America. About 13,000 people were at the annual Flying Legends show when the crash happened. A spectator's video shows the plane suddenly dipping as it flies low across the runway, then cartwheeling along the ground.

Pilot who landed plane on wife will quit flying

By Emma Wilkins and Harvey Elliott

A PILOT whose wife was struck by debris as he crash-landed his plane promised yesterday to give up flying. Paul Ellis, 50, was comforting his wife, Nicola, as she made a good recovery from head, arm and chest injuries in hospital.

Mrs Ellis, 40, a ceramic artist, was hit by debris from the undercarriage as her husband's Mini-Max microlight came down in a field near their home at Blewbury, near Didcot, Oxfordshire on Sunday.

Mr Ellis, a computer software writer, is now waiting to be interviewed by investigators from the British Microlight Aircraft Association. One of the couple's two labradors was killed by debris from the crash, which has prompted Mr Ellis to turn his back on a lifetime's hobby.

"I think this is a signal that everyone is mortal and it is time to hang up my flying helmet. I have always loved avaition, but I am a realist," he said. "I think life and family are a damn sight more important than one's personal pleasure. It was quite a selfish thing to have an aeroplane with only one seat anyway."

Mr Ellis, who built the microlight himself over two years, spent the day by his wife's bedside at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, where she was in a stable condition. She is expected to be released today.

"I took off from the airstrip and I was going to fly from there to where I keep the plane about 500 metres away," said Mr Ellis. "I climbed to get altitude for the approach. I lost power and I was climbing into the sun and so I was blinded. I tried to turn back to land but the aircraft stalled.

"When it hit the ground some part of the wreckage hit my wife. I think it was part of the undercarriage," he said. "I could hear my wife shouting so I knew she was all right. She was lying on the ground and shouting. She actually seemed more cross than anything." Mrs Ellis was flown to hospital after being treated by paramedics at the scene of the accident, a 200-acre field owned by a local farmer at Ginge, five miles from the couple's home.

The Mini-Max is one of the cheapest fixed wing microlights and costs about £5,000 in kit form or £8,000 ready assembled. In 1984 a series of microlight crashes led to a safety clampdown and responsibility for inspecting the aircraft was given to the Popular Flying Association and the British Microlight Aircraft Association.

"Compared with France, which is completely unregulated, we have an extremely good safety record in Britain," said Francis Donaldson, chief engineer of the PFA. "Normally, even if there is an engine failure, the very low stalling speed of a microlight means they can get down safely."

Dizzy Gillespie: customised trumpet may fetch £35,000

Beatles lyric going, but not for a song

By Peter Foster

THE creased, coffee-stained scrap of paper on which John Lennon and Paul McCartney wrote the lyrics for the Beatles hit *With a Little Help from My Friends* is to go on sale for an estimated £80,000.

The manuscript, which bears the provisional title for the song, *Bad Finger Boogie*, is the most expensive of several Lennon and McCartney items on sale at a rock'n'roll memorabilia auction at Sotheby's in September.

Rock buffs will also be able to bid for McCartney's recording notes to the Beatles' seven-minute ballad *Hey Jude*. Titled simply *Jude*, the single sheet is expected to fetch more than £25,000. The notes were the germ of a record which reached No 1 in both Britain and the United States, selling more than eight million copies in the process.

More obscure is an old box of Bassett's Liquorice Allsorts signed by all four Beatles and expected to make between £2,000 and £2,500. The box is thought to have been a design prototype for the colourful confectionery planned by Bassett's after George Harrison mentioned his taste for chewy sweets. The band was pelted with jelly babies after the chance remark.

Lennon's words for the 1967 song *Being for the Benefit of Mr Kite* are expected to fetch more than £30,000. Other Beatles lyrics to go on sale are *Lovely Rita*, *Magical Mystery Tour* and *Lady Madonna*, with each expected to fetch between £5,000 and £10,000.

Jazz fans are expected to pay up to £35,000 for a trumpet specially made for Dizzy Gillespie. The jazz legend used a custom-made instrument with the bell turned up 45 degrees.

One of Pete Townshend's Gibson guitars which helped The Who to achieve the accolade of the loudest band in the world during the 1970s is expected to fetch up to £12,000. Memorabilia from 1990s rivals Blur and Oasis will also be on offer.

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Major will try 'again and again' for peace in Ulster

By Philip Webster and Arthur Leathley

JOHN MAJOR promised last night to "try again and again and again" to remove the obstacles to peace in Northern Ireland as he sought to end the feud in Anglo-Irish relations.

The Prime Minister criticised John Bruton's attack on the British Government's handling of the Orange dispute as "unhelpful". But he said that the row with Mr Bruton was behind them and acceded to Dublin's request for an early formal meeting between the two governments to clear the air.

Mr Major said that the only people "rubbing their hands with glee" over recent events were the IRA. They had scored a propaganda victory.

Twenty-four hours earlier, a meeting this week had been all but ruled out. But last night it was disclosed that Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, will meet on Friday to discuss "mutual security interests".

It promises to be a tense affair. British officials said last night that the gathering would be attended by Sir Hugh Annesley, Chief Constable of the RUC, who was reported to want to tell Mr Spring, and Nora Owen, the Irish Minister for Justice, that allowing Orangemen to march through Portadown was his own decision that and he had not bowed to political pressure. Mr Spring and Sir Patrick will also meet, less formally, today in Belfast on the margins of the multiparty peace talks.

The security forces have fired 6,002 plastic bullets during rioting across Northern Ireland in the past week, the RUC said yesterday. There have been 1,277 attacks on the police, 192 civilian injuries and 149 police injuries. The number of petrol bombs is not recorded but many thousands are thought to have been thrown, more than 2,000 in one single night in Londonderry.

In spite of Mr Major's fury over Mr Bruton's attack, and the continuing resentment of ministers, London officials spoke yesterday of his desire to "draw a line in the sand" and to try to restore relations to a sounder footing.

Mr Major told the BBC's *Panorama* last night: "This will not be the only setback. Something will happen again that will upset one community or the other. That I can firmly be certain of. When it does then we will try again and if there is a setback we will try yet again, and again and again. We owe that to the people of Northern Ireland."

In the Commons there was evidence that the difficulties of recent days has hardened attitudes on the Tory benches. Several MPs called for an end to the Anglo-Irish agreement and accused the Government of giving too much ground to the nationalists.

The plan for an early meeting was announced to the Commons by Sir Patrick, who said that the upsurge of violence was the worst setback for many years and a "black period" for Northern Ireland. He confirmed that the arrangements for handling marches would be reviewed. There were "no immediate obvious answers" to the potentially destabilising effects of controversial marches, but the inquiry would allow interested parties to suggest how they could be better managed.

The former Chancellor Norman Lamont led backbench protests by telling Sir Patrick that there was no middle way between Unionism and nationalism. He was cheered by backbenchers when he said: "To pursue a middle way that does not exist runs a danger of arousing nationalist expectations that cannot be fulfilled and also of provoking a reaction from the majority. Is it not time therefore to consider a fresh approach in which Ulster would be governed more like the rest of the UK?"

Sir Patrick said: "It is not a middle way the Government is seeking to help the people of Northern Ireland achieve between Unionism and nationalism. By definition the two lead in opposing directions."

He tried to pacify backbench critics by insisting that the Government was not giving up any control of Northern Ireland and emphasising that Britain could amend the Anglo-Irish agreement during the talks process.

The cortege approaching Londonderry cemetery. John Hume and Martin McGuinness were among the mourners

Thousands mourn riot victim

By Audrey Magee
Ireland Correspondent

THOUSANDS of mourners attended the funeral yesterday of Dermot McShane, the convicted INLA terrorist crushed by an army vehicle during a riot at the weekend.

John Hume, the SDLP leader, and Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein, were among the mourners at St Columba's Church on the edge of the Bogside district of Londonderry. Father Con McLoughlin, who read the homily, said: "It has been a dark week in this city . . . scarcely in the 21 years that I have been here have I found people so depressed and saddened almost to the point of despair."

Mr Hume said he shared the anger felt by the Derry community. "As always happens with violence in addition to simply intensifying divisions in the community it also leaves terrible victims and the victims of this violence have been Dermot McShane and his family."

Mr McShane, 35, was killed early on Saturday morning when an army personnel carrier crushed him during rioting in the city centre. He had served four years of an 11-year sentence in the Maze prison for conspiracy and possession of firearms and explosives.

The Irish Republican Socialist Party (IRSP), the political wing of the INLA, said that Mr McShane had not been involved in any paramilitary activity since his release from prison in 1991. Police sources, however, said that they were "very sceptical".

Mr McShane's American-born wife, Treasa, led the mourners with the couple's children, Chris and Eric. The family asked that there be no military trappings at the funeral. A tricolour was draped over the coffin.

Following the cortege with Mr McGuinness were Mitchel McLaughlin of Sinn Fein and Kevin McQuillan of the IRSP. Mr McLaughlin said that the anger felt by the community after police relented and allowed Orangemen to march down the Garvahy Road last week was in danger of flaring up again at any stage. He said that about 200 Sinn Fein members had been working on the streets over the weekend, trying to calm the rioters.

The next potential flashpoint in Londonderry is on August 10 when thousands of apprentice boys are due to march through the city to commemorate the lifting of the siege imposed by James II in 1689. Nationalists are adamant that they will not pass through.

Lamont has at least defined the real choice

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Tory divisions over Northern Ireland resurfaced yesterday in a potentially significant new form. At present, dissent is limited to a minority, mainly of Euro-sceptics, and there are no signs of any change in a policy to which John Major is so personally committed. But if there is no improvement on the ground, Tory demands for a shift will grow.

For 25 years the Tory and Labour leaderships have attempted to reconcile the traditions and ambitions of unionists and nationalists. This search has taken many shapes and the two main parties have tilted in orange and green directions. But, with occasional, and sometimes lengthy, hiatuses, the aims have been pursued consistently since the days of Willie Whitelaw and the Sunningdale agreement.

Bipartisanship has survived the strains of the past week. The predominant tone of yesterday's exchanges in the Commons was that, while there is much to regret about what happened, time should not be wasted on recriminations. Labour and the Liberal Democrat questioning of failures in handling the Portadown march were muted given how much went wrong. The emphasis was, rather, on the need for both the London and Dublin Governments to patch things up.

Sir Patrick Mayhew sounded, as always, the voice of proconsular moderation and world-weary reason. He could easily have been a Secretary of State for India or the Colonies taking of disturbances in a distant part of the Empire a century ago. Showing a sure touch, Mo Mowlam, his Labour Shadow, was judiciously restrained in her criticisms.

Amid all the predictable, worthy and necessary good intentions expressed for an hour, the most striking intervention came 40 minutes into the exchanges from Norman Lamont. He attracted vocal support from his own side when he challenged the whole basis of the policy of the past 25 years. He argued that "to pursue a middle way that does not exist runs a danger of arousing nationalist expectations that cannot be fulfilled and also of provoking a reaction from the majority. Is it not time therefore to consider a fresh approach in which Ulster would be governed more like the rest of the United Kingdom?"

His view, though immediately opposed by Sir Patrick, was broadly backed in later interventions by David Wilshire, Tony Marlow and Barry Porter. Some are longstanding allies of the Unionists and voted against the Anglo-Irish agreement of 1985, which they regard as the root of all the current problems.

This is essentially the integrationist policy advocated for so long by Enoch Powell and involves a rejection of any formal role for the Dublin Government (and informally of Washington) in the affairs of Northern Ireland. The difference from the old Stormont self-government before 1972 would presmably be entrenched legal protection of the rights of the minority, nationalist community. The adoption of this approach would, of course, be denounced by the nationalists, Dublin and, no doubt, Washington. So what, say the Tory Unionists: "It is better to face reality now and admit the futility of continuing the current inherently flawed approach."

Leaving aside the merits of trying to reconcile the two communities via cross-border institutions, any likely British government would regard as unacceptable the probable cost in increased terrorism and damaged relations with Dublin and Washington. But Mr Lamont has at least defined what the real choice is. An integrationist approach is already backed by the powerful "Friends of the Union" section of the British press and may gain in influence among the Tory Right if Mr Major's initiative cannot be revived. Mr Lamont's policy will not prevail as long as Mr Major sticks to his "try, try and try again" line. But the current bipartisan approach could be one of the first Government policies to be challenged if the Tories lose the election.

PETER RIDDELL

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: questions to health ministers and the Prime Minister; Labour-initiated debate on sell-off of Armed Forces married quarters estate; Damages Bill, remaining stages; Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Bill, remaining stages; backbench debate on the Stone of Destiny. In the Lords: Ministerial and Other Salaries Order; Council structural and boundary change orders; Statutory Instruments (Production and Sale) Bill, second reading.

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Pilgrims killed in temple stampedes at Hindu festival

FROM COOMI KAPOOR IN DELHI

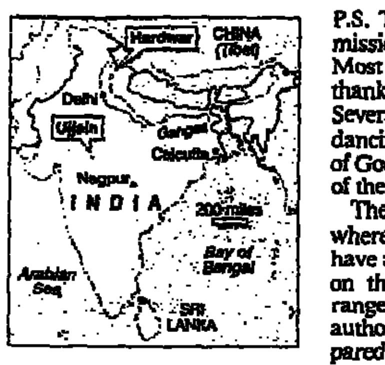
ABOUT 60 pilgrims died yesterday and the same number were seriously injured in two separate stampedes in the temple towns of Ujjain and Hardwar on the Hindu festival of Sonwati Amavasya.

At the Mahakaleshwar temple at Ujjain in central India, at least 37 people were trampled to death or suffocated at sunrise as devotees rushed for worship after taking a dip in the Kshipa river as part of their devotions.

In a similar incident at Hardwar, on the banks of the Ganges, more than 20 people were killed when bathers tried to push their way through the narrow Gau Ghat bridge near Har Ki Bauri.

At Ujjain several pilgrims fell on top of each other when they slipped on the marble stairs of the temple. Others were killed when they were impaled after the bamboo barricades snapped. The gate of the temple was closed and, when the passage to the deity was blocked to control the crowd, panic broke out among the worshippers.

Pandit Raman Drivedi, a priest at the temple, blamed the tragedy on the lack of policemen to control the crowd of some 700 people inside the temple. He said there were only four policemen at the site.



More than 200,000 people have congregated in Ujjain, 125 miles from Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, on the occasion of Sonwati Amavasya, a festival which occurs after a gap of 27 years, according to the Hindu calendar. It is held on a Monday morning after a moonless night.

The victims were mostly villagers from the neighbouring Malwa region, who had gathered in large numbers to thank the gods for the rains after the failure of the monsoon in the whole of western Madhya Pradesh. Villagers had been collecting in the town since Sunday, singing devotional songs.

At the Government's civil hospital, wailing villagers squatted outside waiting for news of their missing relatives. The bodies were placed in an open area and guarded by volunteers and citizens of Ujjain. However, one witness said that robbers were seen taking possessions from the dead and injured.

P.S. Tomar, the Ujjain Commissioner, said: "It is tragic. Most of them had come to thank God for the rains. Several of them were seen dancing and singing in praise of God as they queued in front of the temple gates."

The deaths in Hardwar, where 2,500,000 worshippers have assembled, were blamed on the lack of adequate arrangements by the district authorities who were unprepared for such a huge crowd.

As the dead and injured were taken to hospital, more pilgrims entered Hardwar to take a dip in this holiest of Indian rivers, unaware of the tragedy.

Balbir Singh, who lost his wife, wept as he blamed the district administration for delay in taking the wounded to the hospital. He said that there were no policemen at the bridge to regulate the crowd.

Inquiries into the stampedes have been ordered by the state government of both Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh and compensation is to be paid to the victims' families.

There have been several stampedes in India in the past decade which have killed around 1,000 people. In November 1994, in the western town of Nagpur, 130 people were killed and 500 injured as 50,000 protesters demanding jobs went on a rampage when police charged them.

Patten returns to storm over fate of top officials

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHRIS PATTEN, the Governor, flew into a maelstrom of rumour and innuendo surrounding two of Hong Kong's highest officials on his return from London yesterday.

At the centre of the storm are Laurence Leung, the Director of Immigration, who abruptly resigned last week, and Anson Chan, the Chief Secretary and Deputy Governor, who is said to have been told by China she will not be the first Peking-appointed Chief Executive in 1997. She has, however, arranged to cooperate closely with the incoming administration.

The speculation surrounding the departure of Mr Leung from a post which normally requires a year's notice has contributed to declining public confidence in the future of the colony. He appears to have been permitted to resign at 24 hours' notice — an extraordinary move by someone in such a sensitive post with access to information of value to the incoming Chinese authorities. It has been suggested that he was offered a choice of being dismissed or resigning at once with a large pension, but a government spokesman refused to comment on the rumour.

Representatives of the main political parties in the Legislative Council, now in summer recess, are calling for a special sitting where they could question the Governor about Mr Leung. Senior Chinese officials have also demanded an explanation.

When Mr Patten landed, the first two questions at his airport press conference were about Mr Leung and Mrs Chan. The Governor dismissed them both as groundless, insisting that Mr Leung's resignation was for "personal reasons". In the case of Mrs Chan, there have been two rumours this week, both based on press reports from London. The first is that the Chief Secretary told British officials during a recent visit to London that Peking's representatives have told her she will not be named Chief Executive because she is too closely allied to Britain.

The second is that Mrs Chan has arranged with John Major that, after the Chief Executive is named, probably at the end of this year, she will devote herself to helping him to adjust to his forthcoming duties while retaining her title. This will, in effect, remove her from being too closely linked to British interests and increase her effectiveness after the takeover. Mrs Chan is favoured with the Hong Kong public for the post of Chief Executive.

DAN STEVENS

Johnny Beveridge and Lord Edward Manners land at a remote airstrip to study wildlife overwhelmed by environmental problems

Air adventurers chart wildlife's plight

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

BARELY recovered from a bout of malaria, Lord Edward Manners and his two companions left Nairobi yesterday on the last leg of their historic aerial tour of Africa.

The 16,000-mile journey, during which the team faced storms which threatened to blow them over the battlefields of Liberia and forced them to land their single-engine Cessna on remote bush strips, reached its dramatic highlight in Kenya, where they were brought face to face with conservation issues.

"The hairiest part of the trip was certainly the flight along the Liberian coast. We knew fighting was raging in Monrovia [the coastal capital] but a storm tried to blow us over the guns for four hours," Johnny Beveridge, Lord Edward's co-pilot, said.

Lord Edward, 30, the second son of the Duke of Rutland, Mr Beveridge, 31, a banker based in New York, and Dan Stevens, 30, a photographer, self-financed their expedition to raise the profile of the Pan African Conservation Trust (Pact), which will gather funds to invest in community-based wildlife projects.

Nowhere in Africa is there a greater need for such activities than in Kenya, where 70 per cent of all wildlife roams on land outside the national parks and reserves, bringing potentially dangerous and destructive animals into conflict with the human population, growing at 4 per cent a year.

The team flew to the Masai Mara National Reserve, the jewel in Kenya's tourist crown, which generates an estimated £20 million a year in park fees alone.

In the three days before the Pact crew arrived, two Masai herdsmen were trampled and killed by elephants which share their pastures. But the locals who live among elephants, lions, jackals and hyenas receive little compensation from the councillors who manage the reserve. Little is done to protect the wildlife in turn from diseases transmitted by the Masai cattle, goats and dogs.

> ‘We knew there was fighting but a storm tried to blow us over the guns’

"If Africa's wildlife is to survive into the next century, the people who share the land with it must be the principal beneficiaries of it, not its victims," Lord Edward said.

Canine distemper, spread from Masai dogs into the big cat populations of the Mara and neighbouring Serengeti, has killed 30 to 40 per cent of the lion population over the past two years, according to Richard Kock, head of Kenya Wildlife Services veterinary department, who toured the Mara with the Pact pilots.

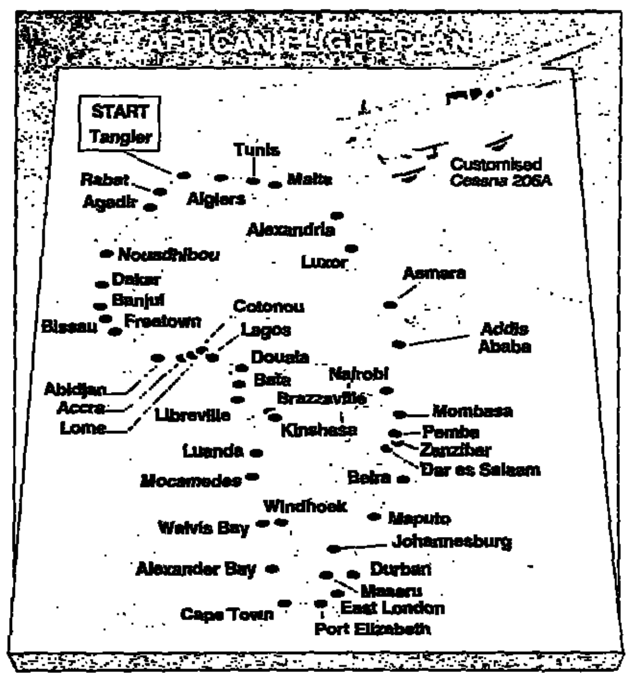
A project to vaccinate 300 Masai dogs against distemper and rabies, another big wildlife killer, is under way. But with the project's World Bank funds scheduled to dry up next year, money is desperately needed.

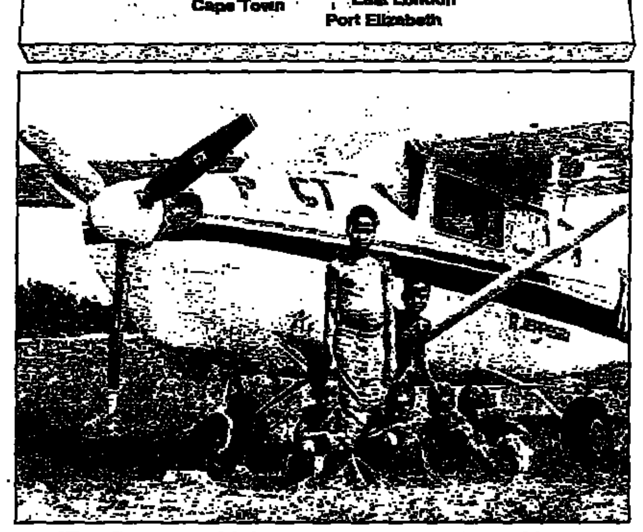
"Through Pact we might be able to help fund a vaccination programme, perhaps for cattle as well. That way the Masai will benefit from a conservation programme, and so will the wildlife," Lord Edward said.

Arriving at Nairobi airport after their Mara trip, the Pact team came across the improbable sight of an anaesthetised baby elephant being dragged out of the back of a Cessna Caravan passenger plane by rangers.

The calf, no more than a year old, had been orphaned when her mother was caught in crossfire during cattle raiding in north Kenya, or shot by an angry farmer as she swallowed his crops. The young female had been wounded in the right foot by a rifle bullet and will be cared for at Nairobi's wildlife orphanage.

"That is the future for wildlife unless we all do something to help humans and animals share the environment," Lord Edward said.





The Cessna, which covered 16,000 miles of bush

Alarm as judges lose gun guard

BY FRANCESCO BONGARRA

ITALIAN judges, often the target of Mafia attacks, said yesterday that they were afraid that the new left-wing Government's plans to withdraw their police escorts could put their lives in danger.

The move to end police protection, announced by Giorgio Napolitano, the Interior Minister, was a symbol of the desire of Professor Romano Prodi's administration to rid Italy of the empty trappings of power. But the decision seems to have overlooked the extreme vulnerability of judges, five of whom have been murdered in the past ten years.

Armando Spataro, an anti-Mafia judge in Milan, said: "I want to see an official written order for the withdrawal of my escort, so that people will know who is responsible for my death in case I am shot."

Francesco Borrelli, Milan's Chief Prosecutor, who could be a key Mafia target, complained officially to the city's prefect, Bartolomeo Sorge. Signor Borrelli claimed that he had never been consulted on the matter.

Signor Napolitano, who wanted to cut the small army of 4,000 policemen who guard VIPs 24 hours a day, responded: "People most at risk will always get adequate police protection. A police guard has to be provided only for people whose lives are really in danger, otherwise it is just a waste of money."

Discord intensifies between America and Saudi Arabia

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE United States and Saudi Arabia, supposedly allies, were seriously at odds yesterday over the investigation into the terrorist bombing that killed 19 Americans, and over the Pentagon's wish to move its forces to safer locations within the kingdom.

The frictions have grown so serious that Louis Freeh, Director of the FBI, was secretly sent to Riyadh, the Saudi capital, for the second time in nine days to plead for greater co-operation. He threatened to take his complaints directly to the ailing King Fahd, who had earlier pledged full co-operation to President Clinton.

The outcome of Mr Freeh's extraordinary mission remained unclear yesterday as an embarrassed silence fell over the Clinton Administration on a sensitive issue that Republicans see as having the potential to become a combative election issue.

Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, the Saudi Defence Minister, said his Government was not in favour of moving 5,000 US servicemen, most of them in the air force, to isolated bases far from urban areas. He complained that if they were relocated, the Saudis would have to provide them with new accommodation. In remarks that will be ill-received in Washington, he also said: "This is not correct because security has been achieved, the rule of law prevails and incidents that happen in our country now are only one out of a million compared to what happens in other countries."

Five Americans died last November when a car bomb blew up outside a training centre for the Saudi National Guard in Riyadh, followed by the massive blast three weeks ago when a bomb-laden petrol tanker exploded beside a barracks near Dhahran. The Pentagon said last week that some American forces must be moved as a precaution. The FBI has sent 70 agents to Dhahran since the second bombing but their actions have been severely limited by Saudi authorities. The agents have not been allowed off the US base to interview Saudi civilians, nor have they been given permission to send pieces of the bomb to Washington for forensic tests.

Worse, they have been barred from the investigation. Mr Freeh sought US access to several suspects who were detained by Saudi police, though the FBI does not know how many were held, nor why. The getaway car used in the blast was found six miles away a few days afterwards, but the Americans learnt of it only at the weekend.

The lack of collaboration follows Saudi refusals to extend the perimeter in Dhahran beyond 35 yards and the unexpected beheading of four men convicted of the November bombing. The FBI wanted to interview them.

Protest at Palestine Olympic flag

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Israeli Foreign Ministry has made an official protest to the International Olympic Committee over plans by Palestinian athletes, who are competing for the first time, to march in the opening ceremony under a banner of the Palestinian flag, inscribed simply: Palestine.

The Tel Aviv paper Yediot Ahronot disclosed that, contrary to the advice of Israeli sports organisations, the protest letter had been delivered by the Israeli consul in Atlanta after a month of lower-level protests by the Foreign Ministry.

"In the letter," the paper reported, "Israel demands that the Palestinian delegation be content to be referred to via one of the terms which was deployed in the [1993] Israel-Palestinian accords."

Some Israeli athletes are upset by the formal protest because they fear it will ensure their exclusion from the coming Middle East games. Yoram Obrakovitz, head of Israel's Olympic Committee, said: "This was not a prudent decision. We have made a tremendous effort to be accepted in the Middle East games, and now it is liable to come to naught."

A Palestinian spokeswoman said the Palestinian delegation would consist of 15 people, three of them athletes, including boxer Rashid al-Obeid.

4,000 children hit by food poisoning

Tokyo: Health workers battled to contain a food poisoning outbreak from school lunches that made nearly 4,000 children ill, forced mass cancellation of classes and caused near-panic in Japan's second largest city of Osaka. The outbreak has sent more than 200 primary school pupils to hospital since Friday, suffering from vomiting, diarrhoea and fever. *(Reuter)*

Italian seized

Bogotá: Suspected left-wing guerrillas have kidnapped an Italian engineer as he was driving through a rural area in the northwestern Colombian province of Antioquia, local radio reported. *(Reuter)*

Volcano erupts

Wellington: Scientists monitoring the volcanic Mount Ruapehu said it had roared back into life, but cloud prevented them seeing any lava. Airline pilots reported a 20,000ft ash column. *(AP)*

Burma demand

Bangkok: The Burmese military regime has demanded that ethnic Karen rebels cut contacts with Aung San Suu Kyi, the democracy campaigner, as a ceasefire condition, a guerrilla leader said. *(AP)*

Job creation

Warsaw: A volunteer Polish fireman has pleaded guilty to setting light to ten buildings to give himself more work. In a case last week, a glazier was accused of smashing shop windows at night. *(Reuter)*

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US business chiefs face Europe ban in Cuba row

By Charles Bremner

EUROPEAN ministers yesterday prepared plans for retaliation against the United States if President Clinton fails tonight to suspend aspects of a new law on trade with Cuba that seeks to punish foreign companies doing business in the Communist island.

"We must react, and must react today," Jacques Santer, the President of the Brussels Commission, told European Union foreign ministers. The ministers prepared a list of options that include barring American businessmen from visiting the Union's 15 member states and enabling European companies to countersue in European courts.

After months in which the EU has mustered a weak response to the Helms-Burton Act, named after its Senate sponsors, consensus emerged yesterday among ministers over the need to send a tough message to Washington.

Few believed that President Clinton would exercise his right to suspend for six months the controversial Title Three of the Act, which expires at midnight tonight. The outcry from Republicans and the Cuban-American lobby in particular would prove damaging five months before the presidential election.

While Europe is reluctant to spur what could be a destructive trade war with Washington, ministers yesterday were adamant that the Americans should be shown it was unacceptable to extend their jurisdiction beyond United States borders.

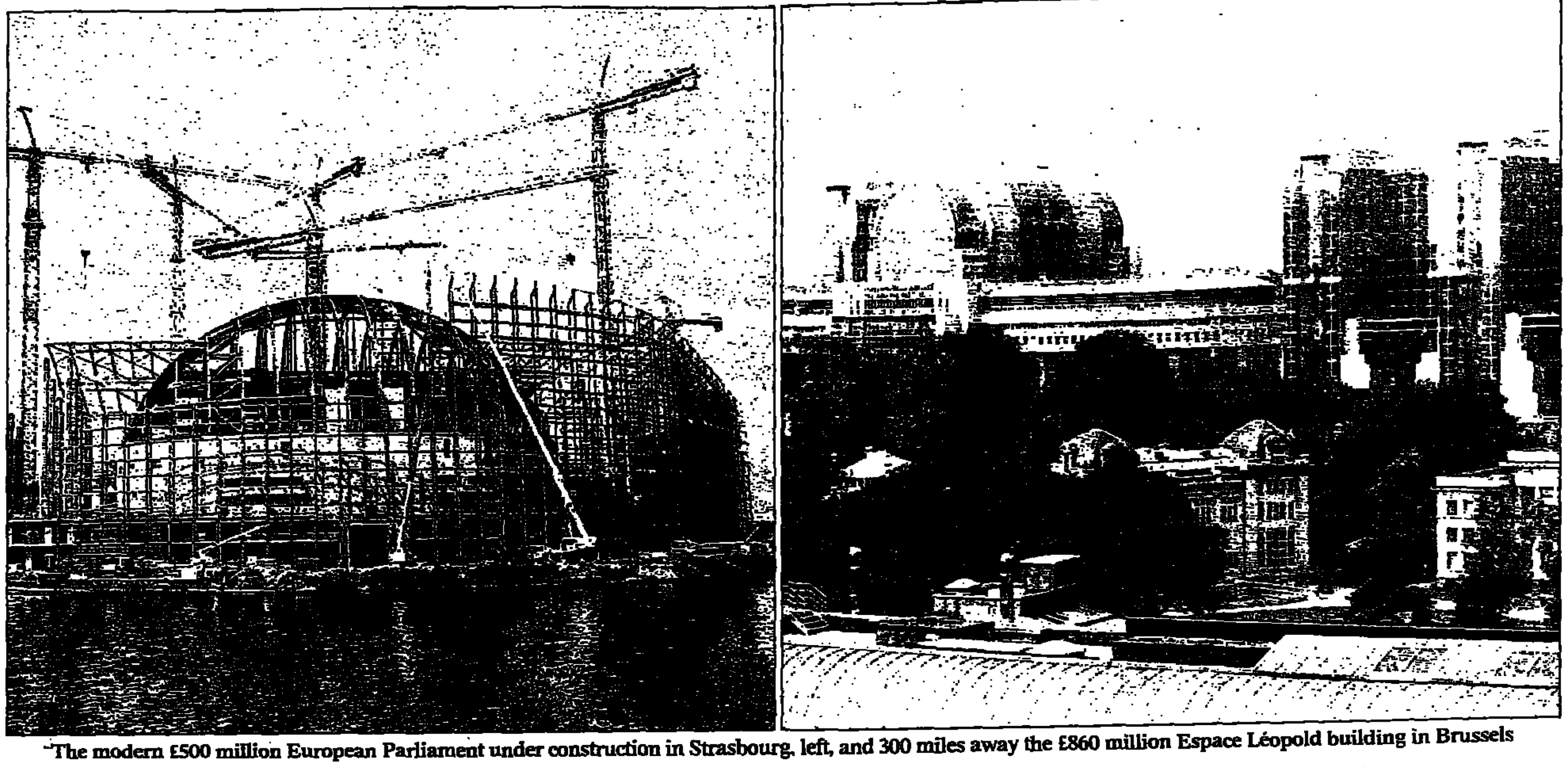
Businessmen from Britain, Canada, France and other countries have been warned that they and their families will be barred from entry into the United States under Title Four of the Act, which has already been implemented, because of their companies' trade with Cuba.

The Carlson corporation, the Canadian owner of a large hotel chain, appeared yesterday to have bowed to pressure from Washington when it withdrew all plans for further foreign investment in Cuba.

The EU is worried that the successful implementation of the whole Act will expedite another law in preparation, being promoted by Alfonse D'Amato, a New York senator, to punish foreign firms doing business in Iran and Libya.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said: "There is no doubt we are united in opposition to this. We are also greatly in favour of improving democracy in Cuba. We just disagree on the best method to achieve this . . . this is a matter that goes to the very heart of the United States relations with other countries." Hervé de Charette, the French Foreign Minister, said: "This is a subject of complete consensus in Europe. No one should fool themselves over this . . . what shocks us is the unilateralism of the American approach."

The options being considered by ministers last night included imposing a Europe-wide restriction on the travel rights of US businessmen. Mr Rifkind opposed this on the ground that individual states should regulate entrance requirements.



The modern £500 million European Parliament under construction in Strasbourg, left, and 300 miles away the £860 million Espace Léopold building in Brussels

Euro MPs' tempers snap in city tug of war

From Charles Bremner in Brussels

ONE of the loftiest views of Brussels can be enjoyed from the dining rooms perched atop the palatial post-modern pile known to locals as Le Caprice des Dieux, the whim of the gods.

A symphony of glass and grey steel, this 13th-floor eyrie crowns the vaulted apex of the new Brussels home of the European Parliament, an £860 million complex styled in tune with the grandeur of the European dream. Europe's biggest building project, which earned its nickname from its resemblance to a French cheese, boasts a chamber that makes the Commons look like a saloon bar. On its completion next Easter it will offer acres of offices abundant enough to satisfy the most pampered legislator.

However, these riches are an embarrassment for most of the MEPs. When they embarked yesterday on their last session of the season, the plush 750-seat "hemicycle" chamber remained as silent as it has for 50 weeks of every year since it opened in late 1993. Along with a couple of thousand interpreters, staff, attendant lobbyists and tonnes of paperwork, the 626 MEPs will be sitting 300 miles away in Strasbourg, which EU governments confirmed two years ago as the site of its monthly week-long sessions.

The assembly has long met in an ample complex in the French city on the Rhine frontier with Germany, but now rising from the waterside there is another pharaonic new parliamentary seat, an edifice that looks like a gasometer and which, at £500 million, is only a little less sumptuous than that in Brussels.

"It is grotesque, it is outrageous," fumes Élisabeth Guigou, a senior French Socialist MEP and former minister. A partisan of the pro-Strasbourg minority, made up of the French and their German allies, she is talking about the Brussels building. Gijs de Vries, a Dutch MEP who leads the Parliament's Liberal bloc (the third largest group in the assembly), voices the lament of the majority that abhors the trek to Strasbourg. "I can't see the House of Commons having to meet in Llandudno," he grumbles.

Today the majority of MEPs will air their frustrations over the absurdity of the moving feast in a debate on a vote to trim from 12 to 11 their jaunts to Alsace next season and to do away with their Friday debates, an event that few ever bother to attend.

They will lament the £1 million per year that it costs the taxpayers to keep each MEP in business. (The bill has risen with the Commons' big pay rise, because all MEPs earn the same salary as their national members of parliament.) They will also deplore the indignities of a monthly shuttle that is compounded by the fact that the Parliament's secretariat is lodged in Luxembourg. But nothing will change because a mixture of EU power politics and sheer irresponsibility has condemned the Parliament to wander the Alsace-Belgium corridor for years to come.

The war of the competing seats has reached the level of scandal as costs have jumped by half in two years. MEPs were warned in May that they risked breaching the ceiling which fixes expenditure on their institution at 20 per cent of the EU's administrative budget.

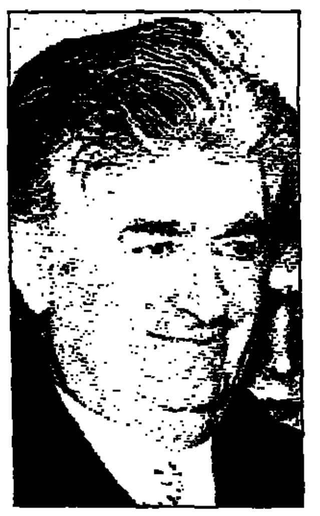
In 1988, the Parliament staked its claim for a permanent base at the heart of EU power in Brussels by signing with a Belgian consortium for the Espace Léopold. In 1992 the French, with German help, prevailed on the EU to keep Strasbourg as its official home. John Major brokered the deal at the Edinburgh summit that year.

Two years later, a French threat to block the arrival of MEPs from former East Germany extorted a parliamentary signature for the new Strasbourg building. The EU's court of auditors last year ruled that contract illegal because Egon Klepsch, the then president of the assembly, had acted without consultation.

According to John Tomlinson, a British Labour MEP who sits on the budgetary committee, Dr Klepsch's signature was "a tyrannical abuse of administrative power". The French camp rails in equivalent terms over underhand schemes to "rob" France of its prestige as home to the Euro-Parliament via reckless spending in Brussels. France is taking the Parliament to court for dropping the twelfth session this year.

Bosnia poll must await Karadzic's exit

From Reuter in Sarajevo



Karadzic: ineligible

INTERNATIONAL mediators said yesterday that the Bosnian election campaign, delayed at least until Friday, could not begin until Radovan Karadzic, the separatist Serb leader, quits politics.

Robert Frowick, an American diplomat in charge of the September 14 ballot, said that a "mutually acceptable" solution must be worked out with the Serbs before the campaign, originally scheduled to start on Sunday, could be declared open. "It is my unalterable position that any political party that elects, appoints or maintains in office a person who is under indictment by the international [war crimes] tribunal for the former Yugoslavia shall be ineligible to participate in the elections," Mr Frowick said.

He heads the Bosnia office of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which is arranging the elections to reconnect ethnic Serb and Muslim-Croat entities in a democratic, federal Bosnia. Under the Dayton treaty that ended Bosnia's 1992-95 war, no individual charged by the tribunal may hold public office or participate in elections.

Dr Karadzic, indicted twice for alleged genocide, says that he will not be a candidate but retains power through his leadership of the ruling party. The main architect of the Dayton accord, Richard Holbrooke, is due in the region this week to lobby for Dr Karadzic's removal after France proposed empowering Nato peacekeeping troops in Bosnia to hunt down those indicted for war crimes.

Mr Frowick said he met Dr Karadzic's deputies last week to press them to deal with the issue and "give them a bit of space and time" for an outcome that would be mutually acceptable. "By definition, if this campaign starts on Friday, you can be sure that things must be straightened out by that date," he said.

Bosnia's Muslim-led central Government hinted at a possible boycott of the elections if Dr Karadzic and his colleague, General Ratko Mladic, did not bow out. "All the effort being put into implementing Dayton, including the elections, is in doubt because of their presence," said Mirza Hajric, foreign policy adviser to President Izetbegovic of Bosnia.

☐ **Brussels:** European foreign ministers appointed Sir Martin Garrod, of Britain, to replace Ricardo Pérez Casado, a Spaniard, as EU administrator in the divided Bosnian city of Mostar. He is expected to take over on July 22. *(Reuter)*

Oklahoma suspects bask in glow of courtroom notoriety

From Quentin Letts in Denver

THE two most hated men in America walked calmly into a Colorado court yesterday, exchanged jokes with their lawyers and settled down to hear early arguments in a case which could end with execution by lethal injection.

Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, suspects in last year's Oklahoma City bomb blast, sauntered into the federal court in Denver after being transported from the nearby Jefferson County prison in a high-speed armed convoy.

Mr McVeigh, youthful and tall, smiled broadly as he savoured the crowded court. Dressed in a green shirt and pale chinos, he grinned at familiar faces in the public gallery and bobbed up and down on the balls of his feet, like an athlete warming up.

Mr Nichols, in a more sober blazer and open-necked pale shirt, remained composed, limiting himself to courteous handshakes with his defence lawyers. His hair parted neatly, he clasped his hands and clenched his jaw muscles as the court awaited the arrival of Judge Richard Matsch.

The two men are charged with planting the lorry bomb which in April 1995 devastated the federal building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 and injuring 500. It was the worst act of terrorism perpetrated on US soil and such were the emotions generated in Oklahoma that a judge moved the case to Denver, 600 miles away, to try to ensure that the jury would be unbiased.

The morning session appeared to go the way of the prosecution, despite arguments by Michael Tigar, Mr Nichols's veteran attorney, that FBI agents did not go by the book when arresting his client.

Mr Nichols listened intently to his lawyer. All this time Mr McVeigh, sitting at a separate table, craned his neck and picked his teeth. He had a stare not so much of menace as of excited interest in the events occurring around him.

Judge Matsch, known for his tight discipline, entered court room C204 at 9am to find it filled with relatives of the dead, with the media and an astonishing array of legal counsel.

The prosecution, led by wheelchair-bound Joseph Hartzler, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, consisted of 11 advocates and six government officials. The defendants had five lawyers apiece and an additional 16 supporters on the floor of the court.

First to speak for Mr McVeigh was Jerri Marritt, a Denver lawyer. She sought the dismissal of evidence on technicalities. Judge Matsch denied her request, as he did a an attempt by Mr Tigar to discredit the police.

Marsha Kight, whose 23-year-old daughter was killed, said: "Funny thing is, I can almost appreciate the way those guys feel. Members of my family in the past were grand marshalls of the Ku Klux Klan and I have a young son who doesn't trust the federal Government. This is very hard for me."

Waigel: time for change

Bonn urges reform of EU budget

From Michael Kallenbach in Bonn

GERMANY, which contributes four times as much as Britain and France combined to the European Union, has called for the burden to be spread more evenly and for Brussels to introduce sweeping reforms of the budget.

Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, has been leading the Government's drive to meet the views of many Germans who have grown impatient that domestic interests are being overlooked in favour of European idealism.

At a weekend foreign policy meeting of his Christian Social Union, he urged the EU to revamp its payment system and said German taxpayers could not continue to carry the burden for other states. He insisted that, as the EU is enlarged, the number of commissioners must not automatically be increased.

In 1994, Germans paid DM27.6 billion (£11.6 billion) towards the EU, with Britain paying DM4.2 billion and France DM1.6 billion. The current budget arrangements, worked out in 1992, are due to run until 1999.

Richest 358 people 'own as much as half of the world'

From Eve-Ann Prentice
Diplomatic Correspondent, in Tokyo

THE gap between rich and poor has become so great that the world's 358 wealthiest people have assets equal to the combined income of 2.3 billion people, nearly half the global population, according to a United Nations report.

Furthermore, the rift is becoming more pronounced in rich countries, especially Britain and America, where the incomes of the poorest 20 per cent are less than a quarter of the national average. In Britain, the poorest fifth of the population have an average of less than £2,600 a year to live on, while the national average income is £11,100, says the UN Development Programme in its annual report.

In America, the gap is even wider with the poorest 20 per cent living on £3,700 a year compared with a national average of £15,600.

The gap between rich and poor in Britain and America is similar to that in Nigeria and Brazil, whereas in Japan and Bangladesh the average income of the poorest 20 per cent is nearly half the national average, the report says.

The polarisation of the "haves" and "have nots" is just as marked between countries as within them. While there has been "a dramatic surge in economic growth in 15 countries since 1980 . . . economic decline or stagnation has affected 100 countries", says the report, to be published tomorrow.

"Although many are aware of this economic stagnation, the full extent and gravity are too often obscured because of the stunning success of the fast-growing countries," it adds.

China and most of Asia are among the economic success stories, while in many countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, average income plummeted by at least a fifth between 1990 and 1993.

The declines among 100 countries over 15 years has been unprecedented, the report says, much longer and sometimes greater than those suffered by industrial countries during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

It says: "New patterns of growth will need to be developed . . . to prevent even more extreme imbalances and inequalities in the world economy." It urges economic growth to be linked more closely with development.

The report also ranks 174 countries according to their citizens' quality of life in health and longevity, knowledge and a decent standard of living. In the so-called Human Development Index, Canada emerges as the best, followed by America and Japan. Britain is sixteenth in the table, above Denmark and Germany, while at the bottom are Somalia, Sierra Leone and last of all Niger.

The problems facing Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union since the fall of the Berlin Wall are starkly indicated. Male life expectancy in many of these countries has declined: in Russia, by five years, according to some estimates. Hyper-inflation is rampant at 7,380 per cent in Georgia, 2,000 per cent in Armenia and 1,875 in Belorussia, the report says.

Unemployment affects 35 million people in the industrialised world. In those countries, the average jobless rate was 8.6 per cent in 1993, ranging from 2.5 per cent in Japan to 23 per cent in Spain.

Of the £14,800 billion global gross national product in 1993, £11,600 billion was within the industrialised countries and only £3,100 billion in developing countries, even though they have nearly 80 per cent of the world's people.

Human Development Report 1996 is published for the UN by Oxford University Press.

Portuguese world launches new commonwealth

Lisbon: Portugal and six former colonies, including Brazil, will fulfil a long-held ambition tomorrow to unite their 200 million people in a commonwealth of Portuguese-speaking nations. Following in the footsteps of the Commonwealth and the francophone nations, the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP) will be launched by heads of state and top government officials.

President Cardoso of Brazil, whose country is home to 70 per cent of the world's Portuguese speakers, joins President Sampaio of Portugal, President dos Santos of Angola and their counterparts from Mozambique, the Cape Verde Islands and Guinea-Bissau for the signing ceremony in Lisbon. President Trovoada of São Tomé and Principe will be represented by his Prime Minister because he is campaigning for a second round of voting in presidential elections in the West African archipelago.

Lisbon gave up the last of its foreign possessions, with the exception of Macau, Hong Kong's sister territory, after the 1974 revolution that put an end to decades of right-wing dictatorship in Portugal. But the idea of seeking to preserve historic and cultural links with the former colonial territories in a formal organisation has been gaining ground in recent years.

Portugal and Brazil, proud of their common language and cultural links, saw a Portuguese-speaking grouping as offering a barrier to the rapid expansion of English and Spanish as international languages.

In the former African colonies in particular, the future of Portuguese has been brought into question by the growing importance of English for trade and international commerce. "It has been been said that Portuguese has lost influence when compared with other languages. I believe it is important to fight for the preservation of the language," said Senhor Cardoso in an interview to launch the community.

While the reinforcing of cultural and linguistic ties will be at the heart of the new organisation, political co-operation will also be on the agenda. The CPLP will have its headquarters in Lisbon. *(Reuter)*

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BZW acts to stem Energy share slump

By Christine Buckley

BRITISH ENERGY yesterday became the first privatisation since BP in 1987 to slump to a discount on the first day of trading.

The partly-paid shares dropped from 103p on opening to a low of 92½p and closed at 94p, after BZW, the Government's broker, moved in to try to stabilise the price. More than 163 million shares were traded by institutions but most private shareholders are unable to deal until next week when they are due to receive share certificates.

The opening will be a disappointment for the Government, which had hailed as a success the £1.4 billion price it will receive from the sell-off.

Bob Hawley, British Energy's chief executive, said: "I am a touch disappointed but this is not too unexpected given the weak state of the markets." But he added: "It is a long-term business and I am sufficiently experienced not to get perturbed by one dip."

Dr Hawley said that a lot of the markdown in the price of British Energy, which operates the UK's eight newest nuclear generators, was because of the actions of marketmakers. This has been echoed by some in the market, although analysts also say that the company's shares will prove a lot more volatile than those of other utilities.

The privatisation, which has been dogged by controversy over the technical health of the generators and the low price accepted by the Government, is in marked contrast to the sale of the rest of the electricity industry. Although the second part of the sale last year of the generators was marred by the sudden reopening by the electricity regulator of his distribution price review, shareholders have seen handsome returns on their investments.

Shares in Railtrack, the last privatisation, went to a 39p premium on the first day of trading. The flotation of National Grid last year also saw a small premium.

John Battle, Shadow Energy Minister, said: "Shareholders who have failed to realise their expected gains will want to know why the Government didn't tell them of the operating problems at two nuclear power stations that seriously affect the commercial standing of the company. They will want to know if there was a cover-up by ministers to keep the privatisation on track."

Labour will today call on the Government to explain why the decision to shut down two nuclear reactors was only disclosed hours after the public offer of shares had closed. After the reopening of the distribution price review last year coincided with the sale of the second tranche of shares in National Power and PowerGen, the Stock Exchange issued guidelines to the regulators on the release of price-sensitive information.

Government advisers have admitted that the sudden closure of Hinkley Point B and Hunterston B last week deflected some institutional investors away from an expected last-minute rush for shares. Over the weekend it emerged that failures had also been found at Sizewell B, the flagship generator, during a scheduled closure.

British Energy is highly exposed to changes in output, with a 1.6 per cent swing affecting its profits by £20 million. But advisers also believe that the weakness of the equity market has dampened the share price.

The City is expected to play a waiting game with British Energy. If the share price stays weak and if the stations are given a clean bill of health then more buyers are expected to come in. BZW is authorised to intervene in the market for up to one month to stabilise the share price.

☐ In a Commons written reply last night, Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, disclosed that almost 98 per cent of applicants for British Energy shares had received an allocation. About 41 per cent of applications, including all employee/pensioner and PEP bids, were accepted in full. Some 6,300 employees, or 94 per cent, applied for and received their requested allocation.

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Damning report for electricity competition plan

By Christine Buckley

PLANS to bring competition to domestic electricity could fail or lag behind the April 1998 deadline, according to a report that is highly critical of the industry regulator.

The report by the Electricity Pool Auditor, which is due to be discussed at a meeting on Thursday, expressed fears that unless there is sufficient leadership for the ambitious project to enable 23 million customers to shop around for electricity "the 1998 programme as currently specified will fail or be significantly delayed, with the inevitable resultant recriminations and potential harm to the industry and its customers".

Coopers & Lybrand, acting as the auditor for the pool which administers electricity trading, said some of the industry participants it questioned in the progress report "felt that the deadline is already unachievable".

The report finds fault with the participation of Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, and Offer, his office. It says that PA, the consulting body used by Offer, was "seen by many as being gagged by Offer, leading to a lack of trust and credibility in them within the industry". The report accuses the regulator of stepping back from directing the moves to a competitive market despite being in the best position to lead it, saying: "In the views of many, Offer's contribution is still not sufficient."

The criticism turns up the heat in the debate over the timetable for domestic competition. Increasingly, industry sources are saying the deadline is about to collapse, while the regulator and Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, have recently told the electricity companies to meet their obligations.

Yesterday Offer said that the timetable was still attainable and that the regulator was performing his role. But a spokeswoman added: "Industry needs to deliver the necessary systems on time."

Littlechild: criticised

ALAN WELLER

Name with a grievance: Captain J. B. Blackett demonstrates outside the annual meeting of Lloyd's yesterday

Smiles of relief: David Rowland, left, and Ron Sandler

Names vote £440m to bail out Lloyd's

By Sarah Bagnall

LLOYD'S of London yesterday took a crucial step towards securing its future when thousands of battle-weary names pledged to pay a £440 million contribution to the market's settlement package and overwhelmingly rejected rebel names' demands for improvements to the offer.

Ron Sandler, chief executive, said that without their support the settlement process — and consequently Lloyd's — would have collapsed.

More than three thousand names gathered at the Royal Festival Hall on London's South Bank for a string of Lloyd's meetings, including the annual meeting and an extraordinary meeting.

As in previous years, the event was characterised by a degree of rowdiness as names expressed anger at the negligence and mismanagement that were partly to blame for losses of more than £8 billion in the past five years. However, many names also expressed support for the market's £3.2 billion settlement offer, which Lloyd's revealed yesterday had been raised by £100 million.

In his opening address, David Rowland, chairman, said that although the offer was not "a model of complete fairness" it is "the fairest" that can be proposed.

Sally Noel, a name, said the offer was "not good enough" and that "Lloyd's makes the mafia look like *Dad's Army* when it comes to expertise, greed and corruption."

Alan Porter, proposer of the extraordinary meeting resolutions, said the offer was "seriously flawed and inadequate". However, although final votes were still being counted at the time of going to press, the resolutions calling for measures to improve the offer were rejected by more than 80 per cent of those voting by proxy.

Now names have until August 28 to decide whether to accept their share of the £3.2 billion settlement offer.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES		
FT-SE 100	3698.3	(-30.0)
Yield	4.11%	
FT-SE A All share	1842.72	(-13.68)
Nikkei	21753.42	(+96.97)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5483.97	(-26.59)*
S&P Composite	643.11	(-3.08)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	5¼%*	(5¼%)
Long Bond	87 7/16*	(87 7/32)
Yield	7.05%*	(7.03%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	5 25/32%	(5 25/32%)
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STERLING		
New York:		
$	1.5505*	(1.5515)
London:		
$	1.5506	(1.5531)
DM	2.3548	(2.3637)
FFr	7.9780	(8.0010)
SFr	1.9442	(1.9534)
Yen	171.08	(171.85)
£ Index	86.2	(86.4)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.5195*	(1.5237)
FFr	5.1500*	(5.1567)
SFr	1.2554*	(1.2598)
Yen	110.43*	(110.87)
$ Index	97.4	(97.6)
Tokyo close Yen 110.64		
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Sep)	$19.70	($19.55)
GOLD		
London close	$383.25	($383.95)

* denotes midday trading price

BBC set to transmit in private sector

By Eric Reguly

THE BBC is to privatise its transmission system by the end of the year and has already received expressions of interest from a "considerable" number of domestic and foreign companies.

International CableTel, the US-controlled cable company that recently bought NTL, the former transmission and engineering arm of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, for £235 million is one of the potential bidders. If CableTel/NTL wins the BBC business, it would have a monopoly on all terrestrial TV transmissions and control the vast majority of radio transmissions.

Bruce Randall, an NTL spokesman, said: "The Government has not excluded us from bidding. If we got it, we would double our business overnight without doubling our expenditures."

Bob Phillis, the BBC's deputy director-general, said the sales documents for the transmission business would be available by August. Lehman Brothers, the Wall Street investment bank, is handling the sale.

Mr Phillis would not reveal the expected price range, but said that the transmission service has a book value of £210 million. The key factor determining the price will be the length of the BBC's contract with the privatised transmission service. If the BBC agrees to remain a captive client for several years, the price would go up.

The proceeds from the sale, Mr Phillis said, will be used to help to set up the BBC's new digital broadcasting services and fund programming.

Siemens expansion on Tyneside in peril

From Sarah Cunningham at Lake Como

SIEMENS, the German electronics group that received up to £200 million in sweeteners to site a plant on Tyneside, may not go ahead with the second phase of the development.

The company is reviewing its entire programme of investment in semiconductor manufacturing, including its plans for a £1.1 billion plant due to open on Tyneside next year, because of a collapse in memory chip prices.

Heinrich von Pierer, chief executive of Siemens, said: "We have to reconsider the whole situation of the semiconductor industry."

The review is unlikely to affect phase one of the plant, at Wallsend, near Newcastle-upon-Tyne, which is due to open in a year's time and will mean 1,000 new jobs. Phase two, which was expected to start production within the next two years and create 500 jobs, is in greater danger and depends on the performance of the microchip market.

Any scaling down of Siemens's investment plans on Tyneside would be certain to stir political controversy and cause deep disappointment locally. Although the Tyneside plant is meant, in the long run, to make chips for the more profitable applications-specific integrated circuit market, it will have to spend up to the first two years of its life making memory chips. This is the normal way to run in such a factory.

Herr von Pierer said that he felt "very optimistic about Tyneside", but added: "We have to consider what investments we have not started or what we can postpone." He said: "We cannot make a quick decision and there is no fixed timetable."

Some memory chip prices have fallen by 70 per cent since March, and Siemens yesterday warned of lower earnings from its semi-conductor division in the year to September.

In the first nine months of the year, the company's net income rose 18 per cent, to DM1.65 billion.

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Clarke expects growth without inflation

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, yesterday expressed confidence that the strong acceleration in growth that he expects does not threaten higher inflation and made it clear that he is a considerable way from raising base rates.

Testifying before the Treasury Select Committee on last week's *Summer Economic Forecast*, Mr Clarke said he believed that there was a long way to go before the economy was at risk of overheating. In his view, the economy was "still warming up from a much lower temperature".

He acknowledged current concerns about strong growth in M4 broad money supply, but said he was not yet persuaded to tighten policy because a host of other indicators were favourable. He said there was no evidence of capacity constraints in the economy, that producer prices were spectacularly down, with input prices down a year ago, and that wage behaviour remains sensibly restrained.

Mr Clarke also left open the possibility of a further cut in rates, saying that the economy had grown below trend for a long time and that even very strong growth is possible without higher inflation. There was no point, he said, in having monetary policy any tighter than necessary.

On Budget policy, the Chancellor acknowledged that any tax cuts not regarded as prudent by the financial markets could be penalised by pushing long-term interest rates up. He agreed that more people would suffer from higher rates than would benefit from a small cut in income taxes.

Mr Clarke acknowledged that there had been an unexplained shortfall in tax receipts over the past year, but said that no single explanation had so far convinced him. In the Summer Forecast, Mr Clarke revised down his Budget forecast of 3 per cent growth to 2.5 per cent, and predicted 3.25 per cent growth next year.

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Building industry shows signs of recovery

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BRITAIN'S building industry yesterday welcomed signs of improvement in construction — but said that prospects remained sluggish, and that more jobs are set to go.

Government ministers and business leaders will be awaiting the round of large-scale industrial surveys over the next week for signs of improvement in the real economy.

In advance of the main surveys from the Confederation of British Industry a week today and from the British Chambers of Commerce later this week, Britain's building companies, which have been hit hard by a sustained recession in the construction industry, struck a more optimistic, though still cautious note.

In its latest state of trade survey, the Building Employers Confederation said it saw "welcome signs of an improvement" in construction output in the second quarter of this year.

The findings point to an increase in overall construction output for the first time since the start of 1995. A net balance — those reporting higher output against those recording a fall — of 22 per cent of building firms suggests that output is rising.

BEC analysts said this suggested a quarter-on-quarter rise in output across the industry of 0.8 per cent. But although a further positive balance is forecast over the next three months, the improvement is not sufficient to persuade BEC leaders to change their forecast for an overall *fall in output for the whole of this* year of -1 per cent.

The rise in output was accompanied by an improvement in inquiries about new work, and in the number of firms expecting sustained growth over the next 12 months. A balance of a fifth of all firms surveyed reported a rise in new orders. This is the first increase in over a year and a contrast to the balance of 10 per cent of firms reporting a fall three months ago.

Almost half the firms surveyed believe that output will grow over the next 12 months, in contrast to three *months* ago, when expectations were broadly flat. Small contractors are more pessimistic than large firms. Capacity utilisation is also up, with the number of firms working at or near full capacity increasing from 21 to 29 per cent in the second quarter.

Paul Shepherd, BEC chairman, said: "We can at last begin to see some light at the end of a very long dark tunnel."

But the BEC said that the prospect for jobs in the industry remains worrying. The long-term downward trend in employment shows few signs of abating, with more jobs expected to be cut on top of the 485,000 lost since 1989.

Receivers at Escom UK threaten 1,000 jobs

By Oliver August

MORE than 1,000 retail jobs are at risk after the appointment of receivers at Escom UK, the chain of computer shops.

The collapse of Escom UK, which has annual sales of £200 million, is being blamed on the problems of Escom AG, the German parent company, which filed for bankruptcy in Germany yesterday. A company spokesman said that the bankruptcy filing applied only to Escom AG.

Nick Dargan and Ralph Preece, of Deloitte & Touche, the firm of chartered accountants, were appointed receiv*ers of Escom UK on Friday,* after Barclays Bank called in a £500,000 overdraft earlier than expected.

Barclays was said to have lost confidence in Escom UK after the collapse of the German parent company.

Mr Dargan said: "It is *unfortunate that the demise of* the German holding company has resulted in the current financial difficulties in the UK. However, we have already had a number of serious inquiries for the business and are hopeful of securing a sale."

Between May and July *Escom UK reduced its £3.8* million Barclays overdraft to about £450,000. The company still has total debts of £18 million, compared with assets of £30 million. A total of 74 stores were closed last month. Escom UK managers were said to have been confident of paying Barclays by the end of July, ahead of a planned management buyout.

Barclays denied that it had acted prematurely. A spokesman said: "We supported the company and its rescue proposals, but unfortunately it didn't work."

Meanwhile, staff morale collapsed. Employees sat in dark stores yesterday with the shutters down, using store computers to find the latest news about their own company on the Internet. On Saturday they had been told to keep stores closed and make an inventory check.

Their fate and the future of the 168 Escom stores in the UK is now in the hands of the receivers.

Thorn EMI, who sold the Rumbelows stores to Escom last year, could see the leases revert to them. Rental and service costs of £10 million per annum could show up as extraordinary items in the demerger plans to be published later this month, Thorn EMI suggested yesterday.

□ *More than 8,000 people* have applied for 300 jobs at the new Segaworld theme park, due to open in London's Piccadilly Circus in two months. The £45 million complex in The Trocadero will be the world's largest indoor theme park. Some 1.75 million *visitors are expected each year* to take part in interactive games.

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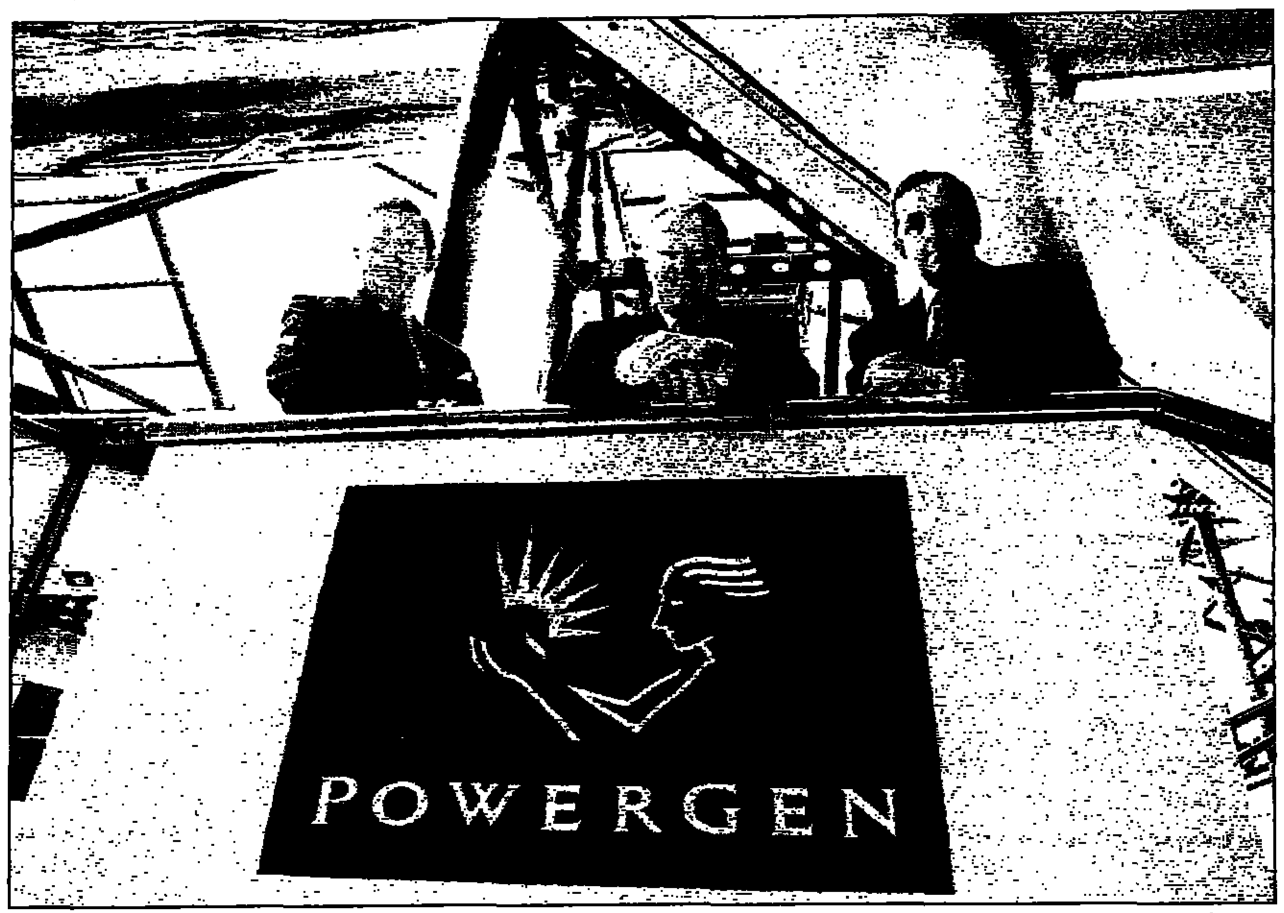

New team: Peter Hickson, left, PowerGen finance director, with Ed Wallis, chairman, and Deryk King, MD, yesterday

PowerGen attacks veto as 'short-termism'

POWERGEN renewed its attack yesterday on the Government's veto of its bid for Midlands Electricity (Christine Buckley writes).

Sir Colin Southgate, chairman, told the *company's annual meeting: "To prevent* PowerGen from being able to grow its business in this way smacks to me of short-termism. Young companies such as PowerGen — which has demonstrated an ability to innovate, to respond to market conditions, to match the world's best — should be allowed to grow and expand within the UK."

Sir Colin went on to say that if *PowerGen had been allowed to expand* via a takeover of Midlands then competition in domestic electricity, which is scheduled for 1998, would have been kick-started and would have mitigated current fears in the industry over "the ability and commitment of the key players".

Sir Colin steps down from the chairman's position and is replaced by Ed Wallis, *who will be executive chairman* and continue as chief executive.

Deryk King, who has joined PowerGen from ICI, today begins his duties as managing director.

CBI urges more cash for transport links

By Jonathan Prynn, Transport Correspondent

BUSINESS leaders yesterday urged Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to drop tax-cutting *plans in his Budget in favour* of greater investment in Britain's transport links.

Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, called for £25 billion of additional spending on upgrading roads, the railways, and air and sea ports over the next decade.

Average annual spending on transport investment needed to be increased from £8.75 billion to about £11.25 billion to match Britain's European competitors, he said. Mr Turner added that the money could be found through reduc*ing the cost of government* administration, foregoing planned tax cuts in the Budget, increasing the contribution from the private sector, and developing new sources of revenue such as road tolling.

The Government and the Labour Party were shying away from the difficult issue of the precise level of investment required, he said.

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Rank Xerox's green award

RANK XEROX, the British photocopier company, has won a European award for a recycling project (Eileen McCabe writes).

Francois Stollman, its *manufacturing director,* accepted the European Better Environment Awards for Industry Trophy from Mary Robinson, the Irish President, in Dublin. Rank Xerox found ways to split 80,000 old photocopiers a year into reusable parts and parts sent for recycling by other firms.

Henkel Ireland, a Cork chemical company, was praised for reducing waste.

Kerkorian springs surprise with late bid for MGM

By Alasdair Murray

KIRK KERKORIAN, the billionaire American investor, has made a surprise last-minute entry into the race to buy the MGM film studios — even though he has owned the movie company twice before.

Mr Kerkorian has teamed up with Seven Network, the Australian television company, to back a bid by Frank Mancuso, chairman of MGM. Seven and Mr Kerkorian are understood to be putting up around $500 million each to fund a $1.3 billion offer for the company.

But Mr Kerkorian's involvement is likely to prompt a cool reaction from Crédit Lyonnais, the French bank that is selling MGM. Lyonnais only resolved a legal dispute with Mr Kerkorian at the end of last year, over his sale of MGM in 1990, and are understood to blame his manage*ment for many of the* problems that beset the studio.

Fears were also raised that Mr Kerkorian was looking to break up the company, although a spokesman for the bidding team insisted he was keen to see the management continue rebuilding the firm.

Mr Kerkorian will also have been attracted by the opportunity to reunite the film company with the MGM leisure brands that are still owned by Mr Kerkorian's investment company Tracinda, including the 5,000-room MGM Grand hotel in Las Vegas.

Polygram, the Anglo-Dutch film and music company, had been considered the front-runner for MGM before the Kerkorian-Seven bid. A final decision on the sale has been delayed by bid fine-tuning.

The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*, which owns the Fox studios, and Morgan Creek Production have also entered the auction, with all the bids believed to be between $1.2 million and $1.4 million. News Corp also owns a 15 per cent stake in Seven Network.

Mr Kerkorian bought MGM in 1969 and sold it to Ted Turner, head of CNN in 1986. He bought it back the same year but sold to Giancarlo Paretti in 1990. It went to Crédit Lyonnais in 1992 after Mr Paretti defaulted on loans.

Kerkorian: previous owner

Self-assessment forms tax brainpower of volunteers

By Sara McConnell

THE Inland Revenue said yesterday that more than one third of the 5,000 new self-assessment tax returns completed by volunteers on its pilot scheme had been filled in wrongly and needed correcting. It added that 20 per of volunteers had failed to complete the forms by the deadline of January 31, in some cases because they had dropped out of the trial altogether.

The results are certain to fuel criticism over the introduction of self assessment. From next April, the 9 million people who are sent a tax return will have the option of working out their own tax bill or providing exact figures so that the Revenue can work it out for them. Deadlines for filing will be tightened and lateness will be penalised. But critics of the proposed system say the new forms are too complex for many people, making this system unworkable.

The Revenue insisted that the results of the pilot were better than expected. Of the returns received, 94 per cent had been completed fully, compared with an assumed 90 per cent. Of the completed returns, 63 per cent did not need correcting, compared with 55 per cent forecast by the Revenue. It added that when taxpayers started filling in returns for real, they would be reminded by advertising campaigns to file their returns on time. It said volunteers in the pilot scheme had not given problems with filling in the form as a reason for late filing.

A second pilot scheme started in Southampton last April. Altogether 17,000 taxpayers are involved.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Titan challenges 'lottery' judgment

LAWYERS for Titan Business Club, the international money-making scheme that has signed up 11,000 people in the UK, each paying between £2,500 and £3,000 to join, yesterday asked the Court of Appeal to overturn a judge's ruling that Titan was an "unlawful lottery". The Department of Trade and Industry has applied to the courts to have the Titan operation closed down. Last month Titan was deemed to be an illegal lottery in the High Court by Sir Richard Scott, the Vice-Chancellor, and the scheme was ordered not to sign up any new members pending a full hearing of the DTI case. Titan, which has since launched a new and separate scheme, Titan International, a US limited liability company, lodged an appeal, which began yesterday, against the Vice-Chancellor's judgment.

Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, sitting with Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice Millett, suggested that a "pernicious aspect" of the scheme was that "the longer it goes on, the more people are going to suffer as a result of it fizzling out". Edward Bannister, QC, the lawyer for the Titan scheme, said that there was "no trap or trick" to the scheme. The case continues.

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Rival objects to BA link

ALLOWING British Airways to link with American Airlines will "inflict the greatest harm on the UK consumer", United Airlines, the rival US carrier, told MPs on the House of Commons Transport Committee yesterday. United, which has a tie-up with Germany's Lufthansa, said it supported alliances. But it said the BA-American deal would put those two airlines "in a position to charge a premium for travel to and from the UK". On Wednesday, Sir George Young, Transport Secretary, will give his views on the alliance.

Crest opens for business

CREST, the new £25 million paperless system for trading shares on the London Stock Exchange, opened for business yesterday with two orders for shares in English China Clay placed by Kleinwort Benson and Redmayne Bentley, the stockbroking firms. The electronic system, switched on by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will replace share certificates and stock transfer forms with electronic messages. Private investors do not have to use Crest.

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Irish trade grows

IRELAND'S trade surplus jumped to Ir£699 million in February from Ir£483 million a year ago, according to figures released yesterday by the Central Statistics Office. The value of exports increased 25 per cent to Ir£2.51 billion while imports increased 18 per cent to Ir£1.82 billion. But preliminary figures for March indicate a drop from the 1995 surplus of Ir£645 million to Ir£630 million this year. Britain continued to be Ireland's largest trade partner, accounting for Ir£551 million of imports and exports.

Shandwick record

SHANDWICK, the international public relations company, said that a high level of new business activity and favourable foreign exchange rates should allow it to maintain double-digit growth in the second half of this year. The prediction came as Shandwick reported a pre-tax profit of £3.6 million, up 10.7 per cent, in the half year to the end of April, on record revenue of £58.8 million, up 12.6 per cent. Earnings per shares were 1.9p against 1.7p and the interim dividend, payable on September 20, is fixed at 0.43p.

MEPC wins Land race

MEPC, the property company, has won the race to acquire the 3.7 million sq ft of industrial buildings owned by Caledonian Land, with an offer worth a total of £83 million. MEPC is paying Sweden's SPP £29 million in cash and assuming debts of £54 million. Caledonian Land includes a portfolio of 25 properties, comprising industrial estates around Glasgow and Edinburgh. The largest property is the 85-hectare (35-acre) Hillington estate, which represents 40 per cent of the portfolio by value.

BTR buys valvemaker

BTR is expanding its industrial valves businesses through the acquisition of Vogt Valves from the Henry Vogt Machine Company for $31 million. Vogt, which is based in Louisville, Kentucky, is a leading manufacturer of low pressure gate, globe and check valves for the refining, petrochemical and other process industries, with annual turnover of about $45 million. Net assets are estimated at $26 million. The business will become part of Edwards Valves Inc, a BTR subsidiary which is based in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Bank shares stand still

SHARES in Australia's Commonwealth Bank ended the first day of trading at the issue price of A$6 (£3) yesterday. The Australian Government, which sold its A$5 billion stake, the country's biggest share offer, had hoped the Commonwealth offer would generate strong investor support for its future privatisations. The second instalment of Commonwealth, due in November 1997, was priced at A$4.45, well below market expectations, in the hope that it would provide a buffer against the vagaries of Wall Street and the local stock market.

Life Numbers placing

LIFE NUMBERS, the largest of Britain's ten personalised telephone number companies, is to float on the Alternative Investment Market on Thursday with a market capitalisation of £600,000. The group, launched last December, sells the new 07000 telephone numbers from £120 to £350 per line. Calls, which cost 3p per unit above BT's national rate, can be re-routed to any terrestrial or mobile telephone. A total of five million shares and 3.2 million warrants have been placed at 12p per share.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.04	1.88
Austria Sch	17.62	16.12
Belgium Fr	51.61	47.53
Canada $	2.227	2.067
Cyprus Cyp£	0.7601	0.7051
Denmark Kr	9.67	8.87
Finland Mkk	7.78	7.13
France Fr	8.40	7.75
Germany Dm	2.515	2.305
Greece Dr	388	361
Hong Kong $	12.64	11.64
Iceland ISk	113	93
Ireland Pt	1.025	0.945
Israel Shk	5.31	4.65
Italy Lira	2488	2333
Japan Yen	185.80	169.80
Malta	0.602	0.547
Netherlds Gld	2.804	2.5[illegible]
New Zealand $	2.41	2.19
Norway Kr	10.83	9.83
Portugal Esc	253.50	235.00
S Africa Rd	7.46	6.86
Spain Pta	205.50	182.50
Sweden Kr	11.04	10.24
Switzerland Fr	2.083	1.909
Turkey Lira	132618	124618
USA $	1.647	1.517

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ADAMS, VERA MAY ADAMS otherwise VERA ADAMS Spinster late of Birmingham, West Midlands died there on 18 December 1992 (Estate about £5,000)

ARIS, BERTHA ARIS Widow late of Merstham, Surrey died there on 11 October 1993 (Estate about £7,500)

BANKS, FREDERICK DONALD BANKS late of Kilburn, London NW6 died there on 30 August 1995 (Estate about £43,000)

BARTON, PAUL TERENCE BARTON otherwise PAUL TERRANCE BARTON late of Ferryhill, Durham died there on 27 November 1994 (Estate about £88,000)

BROOKES, ALFRED FREDERICK BROOKES late of Nottingham died there on 28 March 1995 (Estate about £18,600)

CLARK otherwise CLARKE, EDWARD ALBERT CLARK otherwise EDWARD ALBERT CLARKE late of Bedford died at Luton, Bedfordshire on 28 December 1994 (Estate about £6,000)

DIXON, WALTER DIXON late of Sunderland, Tyne & Wear died there on 20 January 1995 (Estate about £5,800)

DOWDLE, FREDERICK WILLIAM DOWDLE late of Birmingham, West Midlands died there on 24 August 1995 (Estate about £10,000)

EVANS, GEORGE EVANS late of Birmingham, West Midlands died there on 26 January 1996 (Estate about £4,000)

FIELD, WILLIE FIELD late of Scarborough, North Yorkshire died there on 15 January 1994 (Estate about £8,800)

GEE, ERNEST ROBERT GEE late of Sheffield South Yorkshire died there on 7 August 1995 (Estate about £7,000)

HORTON, THOMAS ALAN HORTON late of Camden, London NW1 died there on 4 October 1996 (Estate about £40,000)

JENNISON, CLIFFORD GEORGE JENNISON late of Newton Aycliffe, County Durham died at Darlington, County Durham on 4 December 1995 (Estate about £9,000)

LAMBLE nee HUNTER, KATHLEEN ELLEN LAMBLE nee HUNTER Widow late of Portsmouth, Hampshire died there on 3 December 1993 (Estate about £6,000)

LING, DORIS ANNIE LING Spinster late of Highgate, London N6 died there on 20 September 1993 (Estate about £12,000)

MACFARLANE, DAISY MACFARLANE Spinster late of Neasden, London NW10 died at Park Royal, London NW10 on 20 July 1993 (Estate about £7,200)

MACKIE formerly MARSHALL nee HIND, HILDA ELIZABETH MACKIE formerly MARSHALL nee HIND Widow late of East Wittering, West Sussex died there on 8 August 1993 (Estate about £8,000)

NORMAN, RICHARD NORMAN late of Sheffield, West Yorkshire died there on or about 29 April 1996 (Estate about £7,000)

ROBERTS, HENRY OWEN ROBERTS late of Caergeiliog, Gwynedd died there on or about 27 September 1995 (Estate about £38,000)

VINCENT, EDWARD THOMAS ANTHONY VINCENT otherwise EDWARD THOMAS VINCENT late of Banbury, Oxfordshire died there on 18 February 1995 (Estate about £10,000)

WELSH, THOMAS GEORGE ALBERT WELSH late of Hove East Sussex died there on 3 March 1996 (Estate about £22,000)

WHELAN, CATHERINE WHELAN Spinster late of Earl's Court, London SW5 died at West Brompton, London SW10 on 11 March 1994 (Estate about £8,000)

The Kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

LEGAL NOTICES

No 03717 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF
OWEN & ROBINSON Plc
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 2nd day of July 1996 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share capital of the above named Company by £4,671,472.62, the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £5,410,520.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is to be heard before the Companies Court Registrar at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on the 31st day of July, 1996.

ANY creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of the Order for the confirmation of the said reductions of share capital and share premium account should appear at the time of Hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated the 12th day of July, 1996
TRAVERS SMITH
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Solicitors for the above-named Company

No. 003602 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
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IN THE MATTER OF
ALLIANT COMPUTER
SYSTEMS UK LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice on the 26th day of June 1996 for the confirmation of the reduction in capital of the above-named Company from £1,800,998 divided into 1,800,998 shares of £1 each to £1,400,998 divided into 1,400,998 shares of £1 each.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Companies Court Registrar in the Companies Court Registry, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 31st day of July 1996.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction in capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 4th day of July 1996
Carrington & Associates, 1 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London, WC2A 3SA

No.003114 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF
I-DATA (UK) LTD
AND IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 3rd June 1996 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £1,725,000 divided into 1,725,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each to £667,872 divided into 667,872 Ordinary Shares of £1 each

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Companies Court Registrar at the Royal Courts of Justice Strand London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 24th day of July 1996

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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CITYSCAN LIMITED,
FACIA FOOTWEAR LIMITED,
WISEBIRD LIMITED
(ALL IN ADMINISTRATION)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

A combined meeting of creditors of Cityscan Limited, Facia Footwear Limited and Wisebird Limited ("the Companies") will be held at Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London Bridge, London SE1 9DD on 29 July 1996 at 11.00am under the provisions of Section 23 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the administrators' proposals and, if creditors wish to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors.

IMPORTANT: TO BE ABLE TO VOTE AT THIS MEETING, CREDITORS MUST HAVE SUBMITTED DETAILS OF THEIR CLAIM AND, IF BEING REPRESENTED BY PROXY, HAVE COMPLETED AND RETURNED A FORM OF PROXY FOR EACH OF THE COMPANIES THAT IS INDEBTED TO THEM.

You should send details of your claim and your completed proxy forms, if appropriate, to Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL (reference: AZB/DGB/JT) to arrive not later than 12 noon on the working day before the meeting.

AJ Barrett
Joint Administrator
12 July 1996

LEGAL NOTICES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
I, MICHAEL JOHN PENNY, now residing at 5 Conrad Road, Coventry having for the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Disc Jockey, do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said division to be held at Coventry Magistrates Court, Little Park Street, Coventry on the 6th day of August 1996 for the grant to me of a Justices Licence authorising me to sell by retail, intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption either on or off the premises situated at 24/25 The Burges, Coventry and to be known by the sign of Tuxedo Junction of which premises part is owned by Coventry City Council and part by Citicorp holdings Inc.

Dated this 8th day of July 1996
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF
SOLE LIQUIDATOR
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO CLAIM
AZTECH ELECTRICAL
LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)

Principal Trading Address: 235 Worplesdon Road, Guildford, Surrey
Company Number 3070643

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 9 July 1996 Kenneth Stephen Chalk was appointed Liquidator of the above named company (creditors' voluntary winding up). Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to the liquidator at the following address under reference: KSC/SJA/TAR
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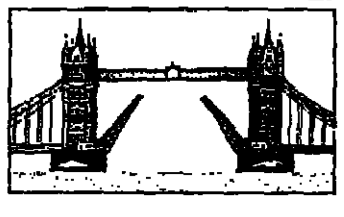
☐ Price of nuclear shares plunges ☐ Titan scheme reborn ☐ Goods more durable than the shops that sell them

A fatal lack of energy

PENNINGTON



☐ THOSE 600,000 private investors who bought into British Energy may like to know that Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, thought it went rather well. He had "cause to be pleased" with the issue; indeed, he was "very well pleased".

His smug remarks came just minutes before trading in the shares started and the price plunged to a discount, a humiliation not seen for a privatisation since the second BP sale in 1987 — and that took a full market crash to achieve. By the time the damage was known and the price had hit 92½p, the ministerial soundbites had dried up.

Instead, the usual sources were suggesting that it was all up to the market to put right. Not our fault if the City can't see the value of this fine investment, you know. Free markets reign supreme. The discount on the British Energy shares was not quite being sold as a triumph for wider and deeper share ownership, but it was not far off it.

Privately, those close to the sale were dismayed, and desperate for the price to revive before much more harm to their reputations was done. There are good reasons, alas, why the patient may be beyond revival.

The peculiar timing of this most difficult of privatisations mean that while the private investor may have bought a pig in a poke, the City was able to count its every bristle. Much of the discount that the shares went to was a result of last week's shock shutdown of two reactors, which emphasised how unstable output, and profits, were. The news came after Sid filled in his cheque, but before City institutions made their bids.

To be positive, the shares are now clearly cheap, if you believe the dividend pledges can be kept, the part-paid yielding as they do almost 19 per cent, or twice anything else in the sector. This should propel some kind of recovery, except that from the end of next week private shareholders will be able to sell. An unknown number will cut their losses and run. Retail investors in such cases tend to hang on like grim death until the price comes back to what they paid — look at how many are still in British Gas. But any sales could force the price lower again.

The Government has, for once, sold a public asset for more than it is worth, if the current market value of the company is right. This should save some trouble at the Public Accounts Committee a few months down the line. But do not expect too many boasts about the benefits to the taxpayer from the British Energy sale in the election manifesto. Private investors have votes too.

A gigantic mug's game

☐ OLD Titan may be frantically clawing at the lid of the box into which the Department of Trade and Industry nailed it last month, but New Titan is out and free. Those behind the controversial business club have set up its second incarnation, without the big drawback of the first, the fact that it was illegal.

Lawyers, as anyone who has ever had dealings with them will know, are utterly infallible, and they have been asked to bless New Titan for two main improvements over its predecessor, which was condemned in the strongest possible terms by the courts. The two distinctions are a stock market quote and a clear investment purpose.

Ho hum. The quote is on the Nasdaq bulletin board, explicitly designed for the riskiest business ventures and imposing virtually no regulatory burden. There is no way in creation that New Titan, or Titan International LLC as it is now named, could find itself on the London main market, in its present form. The investment purpose is that some of the money received will go into other high-risk ventures, which hardly sounds reassuring. The rest, as before, will be used to recruit others into the scheme.

Let us quote from the application for membership for New Titan. "I fully understand," the new recruit must pledge, "that my membership fee will not be returned should individuals I introduce to Titan International LLC fail to become members."

In other words, it is the same old game. Find new recruits and you make a killing. But once that supply of new recruits dries up, as it inevitably must if only, theoretically, because when all 55 million now alive in Britain have joined, there are no profits for the last ones in. The pyramidal nature of the venture, with one new member signing up a load more and so on down the line, means this last generation must far outnumber those already part of the scheme.

Anyone tempted to join New Titan as it tours the country must be certain that they are not part of that last generation, doomed to lose their money. But, statistically, there is no way they can have that certainty. Statistically, it is a gamble that the majority of those who take part must lose. Statistically, it is a mug's game.

Electrical failures

☐ THE principles of competition policy in this country insist that no player is allowed to strengthen his hand by buying up the opposition and using that increased strength, once there is no more competition around, to push up prices. There is little about a player that sits back and cheerfully watches the existing competition gradually sicken and die.

The death of yet another electrical retailer, Escom, the specialist computer chain, concentrates yet more power among the survivors. A recent report from Verdict, the retail consultancy, concluded that it was impossible to make money selling electrical goods in the high street. It is a conclusion hard to dispute as one surveys the corpses of those who have tried.

Earlier this year, Powerstore turned up its toes, having been the most aggressive and ambitious of the independents not long before. Escom itself was created out of the remains of Rumbelows, the rest of which was closed by Thorn EMI as the former owner despaired of ever turning it around. Clydesdale, the Scottish group, went bust in 1994. The result is that if you buy a new stereo system or dishwasher today, you will buy it from an out-of-town shed, owned either by Dixons or by a business such as Comet or the ScottishPower shops that have the support that comes from being part of a larger group.

Much has been said about margins in electrical goods. But margins are the product of a free market and if they are out of line with market realities they should be self-correcting. Part of the problem is that today's gadgets are too reliable — they last too long before they need replacing. But if there emerge just two or three high street chains for the consumer to choose from, normal economic theory says that margins will rise from the barely sustainable to the more profitable. That is, the survivors will put the prices up. They say they won't. But they will.

Chips are down

☐ THE Government, or rather, you and I, paid £200 million to find jobs for 2,000 Tynesiders. That aid went to Siemens, now dithering over phase 2 of the same Tyneside factory because of a fall in the price of computer chips. Might Siemens be persuaded to reconsider, in return for a few million more? And does anyone still remember the days when it was the workforce, not the factory owner, that threatened to down tools unless more cash was forthcoming?

BAT shakes up financial services to combat rivals

By Marianne Curphey

BAT Industries has responded to fierce competition in personal financial services by launching a major revamp of its brands, including Allied Dunbar and Eagle Star.

The company said that it hoped to save £50 million a year over the next five years and that some jobs would be lost when computer services were amalgamated.

Sandy Leitch, chief executive of the newly created umbrella group, British American Financial Services (BAFS), declined to say how many staff would go. He said that Eagle Star had already shed 600 jobs and Allied Dunbar 250 jobs in recent months. "Job losses over and above what we are already doing are unlikely this year," he said.

Mr Leitch said that the new group's name underlined BAT's commitment to both financial services and tobacco. "We are not considering a demerger at the present time at all," he said.

BAFS will include Farmers in the US and Threadneedle Asset Management in the UK. Threadneedle currently manages the assets of Eagle Star and Allied Dunbar.

Martin Broughton, chief executive of BAT, will become chairman of BAFS, and Mr Leitch, the current chairman of the three UK brands, will become chief executive of the new group.

BAT has been conducting a fundamental review of its business over the past year and had considered merging all three business into one "mega-brand". Last month *The Times* revealed that BAT had shelved plans to buy a building society because it believed that the retail banking sector was too crowded and too competitive.

Mr Leitch said yesterday: "The price of buying a bancassurer is too high, as is the cost of maintaining high street branches."

He said that BAT was, instead, planning "rapid aggressive expansion", which included developing existing brands and acquiring new businesses. Buying a life mutual or a healthcare company had not been ruled out, he said. The group was also looking to grow in Asia and had applied for a licence to sell life products in China.

The news saw BAT's share price rise 6p, to 484p. The shares have been languishing recently and since Allied Dunbar has no orphan assets and Eagle Star has very few, BAT has not enjoyed the boost to shares that other life companies have recently experienced.

After the revamp, Allied Dunbar will offer advice and protection, pensions and Threadneedle-branded investment products. Threadneedle will be aimed at the serious investor, with an initial focus on lump-sum investments, and Eagle Star will develop mass-market general, life, pension and investment products. Eagle Star aims to increase the number of products that it sells by telephone.

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'Error' by Cardcast hits shares

SHARES of Cardcast, the AIM-listed credit card protection company, fell 7p to 73p yesterday when it emerged that it had not signed a deal with Crédit Mutuel, the French bank (Fraser Nelson writes).

Cardcast announced last Tuesday that it had signed a contract to supply Crédit Mutuel with "Hot Card" files, detailing credit cards stolen in the UK, which would have represented the company's first overseas deal. The news sent Cardcast's shares up 1p, to 81p.

Nigel Whittaker, Cardcast's non-executive chairman, said that the premature announcement was due to "a genuine mistake at executive level", and that there had never been an intention to deceive.

New-look Eidos is playing to win

By Fraser Nelson

EIDOS, the former software technology group now specialising in computer games, yesterday distanced itself from the £1.95 million loss it ran up in the 15 months to March 31, saying that its future results would bear no comparison.

Charles Cornwall, chief executive, said that the group, which recorded a loss of £114,000 previously, had broken from its loss-making history after investing £41 million in the computer games market. Mr Cornwall said: "For the last three years, we ate money rather than produced it. But after buying the games companies, we have completely transformed from what we were."

Group sales were £3.7 million (£254,000), with a £3.5 million contribution from Domark, Simis and Big Red, the computer games companies bought in October for £15 million.

In April, the group bought CentreGold for £24 million. CentreGold is due to launch 19 games over the next 12 months. The group has also sold Centrgold's distribution business for £7.5 million.

Analysts estimate that the new releases, which include the exclusive games rights to the Atlanta Olympics, will lift sales to £57 million by next March, creating pre-tax profits of £7 million and earnings of 50p per share.

However, the company said that sales of their latest release, Big Red Racing, had been poor because of the popularity of the free taster version available on the Internet.

Losses per share were 44.6p (4.16p). There is no dividend.

Therapeutic scales back float price

By Eric Reguly

THE rapid decline of biotechnology shares yesterday forced Therapeutic Antibodies to scale back its flotation price to 525p per share from an expected range of 700p to 800p.

The company, which uses a sheep's bloodstream to produce antibodies for the treatment of drug overdoses and snake bites, sold 4.19 million shares, raising £22 million before expenses, in an institutional placing.

The sale capitalises Therapeutic Antibodies at about £112 million, compared with an estimate last month of £150 million.

The shares, which are underwritten by British Linen Bank, will begin trading on the London Stock Exchange on July 23.

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Peter Wood, right, chief executive, with John Samuel, finance director, yesterday

Ellis to continue expansion

By Alasdair Murray

PETER WOOD, chief executive of Ellis and Everard, revealed yesterday that the industrial chemicals distributor was seeking more bolt-on acquisitions after spending £18 million on five new purchases during the past year.

Mr Wood said that last year's acquisitions, which included George Mann, a US chemicals distributor, and Surphos, a European distributor of surfactants and phosphates, would increase sales by £60 million this year and would enhance earnings. Mr Wood added that trading was in line with expectations during the first part of this year.

Full-year pre-tax profits, excluding exceptional items, rose 22 per cent, to £21 million, for the year to April 30, in spite of a bumpy ride from fluctuating raw material costs, although these stabilised towards the end of last year. The company is now enjoying a small drop in material prices, which will help margins.

The total dividend was raised by 10 per cent, to 9.2p. Gearing was halved to 16 per cent, while free cashflow increased to £39 million. European operating profits rose 15 per cent, while American profits increased by 18 per cent.

Ellis shares rose 2p to close at 282p. A final dividend of 6.2p is payable on October 7.

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Mercury sells stake in paging

By Eric Reguly

MERCURY Communications yesterday sold its 51 per cent stake in Mercury Paging to an American management team for £30.6 million.

The paging company's other shareholders, Motorola and Mobile Telecommunications Technology, have also sold their shares, raising the total proceeds to about £60 million.

The buyers are Janice Fuellhart, the former chief executive of USA Mobile, one of America's largest paging companies, and Richard Reiss, a partner in Cumberland Associates, a private investment firm that was an investor in USA Mobile. Their bid was financed by a group of international investors led by CS First Boston and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

Mercury, owned 80 per cent by Cable and Wireless, sold Mercury Paging, which has 250,000 users and is to be renamed Page One Communications, because of its relatively low penetration rates. It will, however, continue to offer paging services and will use Mercury Paging to operate those services.

The new management team said it plans to "invest significantly" in the business and will soon launch a big marketing campaign. The new owners hope to raise the penetration rates to the high levels found in America.

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Company fears for contract as Aborigines defeat mine

RTZ drops zinc plan after protests

From Rachel Bridge in Sydney

RTZ, the mining company, yesterday abandoned plans to build a A$1.1 billion (£564 million) zinc mine in Australia. RTZ dropped its controversial request for new legislation to enable it to bypass Aboriginal land rights in the face of intense pressure from communities near the site, in northern Queensland.

RTZ fears that it is now extremely unlikely to be able to fulfil a contract with a leading Dutch customer that was to have been the key to the viability of the entire Century Zinc project. All work at the mine was yesterday halted and virtually all of the 100 staff from RTZ-CRA, RTZ's Australian arm, were removed.

RTZ's action follows weeks of increasingly bitter clashes between local Aboriginal groups and the Australian federal and state governments over the mine.

Leigh Clifford, CRA managing director, said: "It will be difficult to develop the project in the timeframe required to meet the needs of its major customer. Failure to do so will result in the size, markets and development timing for the project becoming uncertain."

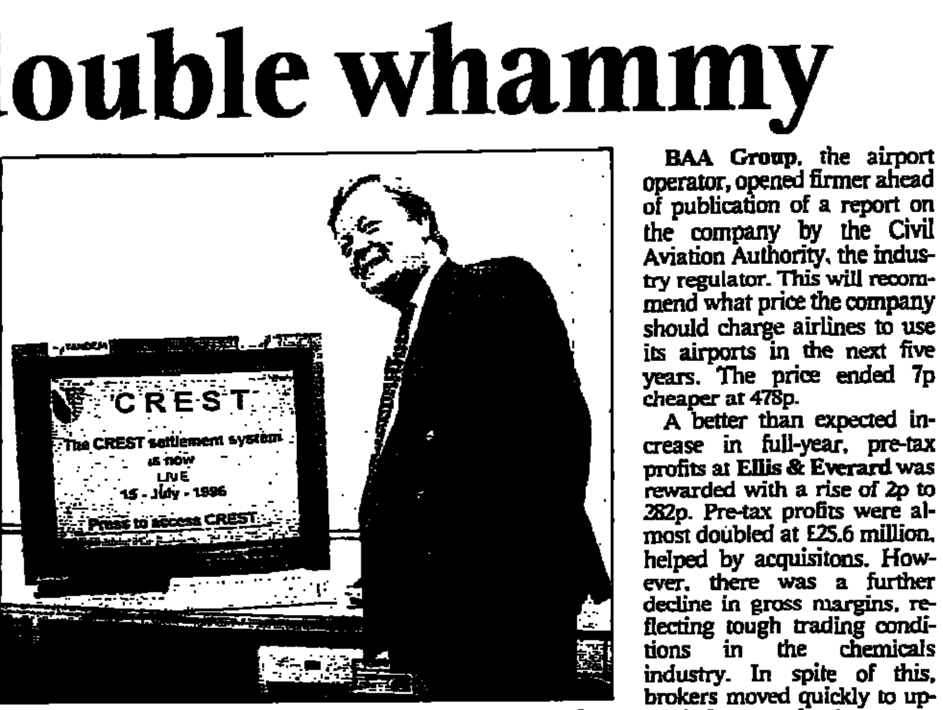
Admitting that its approach had become "highly divisive", RTZ said that it would now be acting under the provisions of the Native Title Act, which safeguards Aboriginal rights.

The Native Title Act gives Aboriginal groups the right to negotiate with the developer, and could take up to 14 months to work through.

RTZ and its Australian outlet have already spent more than A$200 million on developing the mine, which, analysts say, had the potential to become the largest zinc mine in the world, with annual export earnings of about A$500 million.

STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Private investors hit by double whammy



Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, launching Crest yesterday

PRIVATE investors must have felt like throwing in the towel after finding themselves on the receiving end of a double whammy from British Energy and Wall Street.

British Energy has earned itself the distinction of becoming the first privatisation to open at a discount on the first day of dealings since BP II. This was in spite of better than expected demand for shares from eager private investors.

Offered at 100p in their partly paid form, the price opened on a when-issued basis at 103p before slipping to a low for the day of 92½p. It later rallied to 95p, before ending at 94p, a discount of 6p.

Justin Urquart Stewart, director of Barclays Stockbrokers, expects the price to recover. He said: "It was always known that this was going to be more risky than other privatisation issues. The 17 per cent yield is its attraction. Private investors should lock the shares away for a year and then think again about what they want to do."

At the same time, those hard pressed investors in London also had to contend with news of further losses on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones industrial average plunged more than 50 points in early trading, stretching its fall during the past few days to almost 130 points. It proved all too much for the FT-SE 100 index, which had put up a fierce reargard action on Friday. In the event, it dived back below the 3,700 level to close 30.0 points down at 3,698.3.

As one leading broker said: "Cash is king again at the moment. The market-makers are just keeping their heads down. The last thing they actually want to do is begin trading in shares."

That was clearly reflected in turnover that saw just 667 million shares change hands, including 163 million belonging to British Energy. So it was against this backdrop that Crest, the Stock Exchange's electronic settlement system, made its debut. Crest has been introduced to provide a more efficient settlement system that can effectively do away with share certificates.

Up to 11 points of the fall in the index could be attributed to **GEC**, down 13½p at 365p, after going ex-dividend, and **National Power** going ex its 100p special dividend. National Power finished 145p down at 389p. Elsewhere among the generators, news that **ScottishPower**, unchanged at 309p, was in talks with Electrabel, the Belgian power generator, came too late to make much impact on the price. As an act of faith Electrabel has bought a 1½ per cent stake in Scottish.

Eurotherm shot up 13p to 547p as pressure grew for Claes Hultman to be reinstated as chief executive. It has emerged that more than half the electronic group's institutional shareholders want him to be reappointed, just a week after losing his job in a boardroom dispute.

There was little respite for the underwriters of the £143 million rights issue of **British Biotech**. Ordinary shares fell 18p to £20.40, a discount of 10p on the rights price of £20.50, while the nil-paid tumbled 16p to just 2p, a discount of 48p.

P&O deferred rose 9p to 492p on suggestions that the Government is about to ease the rules relating to link-ups between the ferry companies. **Tesco** was a weak market falling 11p to 278p on mounting speculation that it will launch a counter-bid for Docks de France, which owns Mammouth, the hypermarket chain.

First-time dealings in **Fayrewood** on the Alternative Investment Market got off to an encouraging start. Placed at 36p, by Charles Stanley, the broker, shares in the group, which makes professional audio systems, opened at 41p. The price ended the day at 43p, a premium, of 7p.

BAA Group, the airport operator, opened firmer ahead of publication of a report on the company by the Civil Aviation Authority, the industry regulator. This will recommend what price the company should charge airlines to use its airports in the next five years. The price ended 7p cheaper at 478p.

A better than expected increase in full-year, pre-tax profits at **Ellis & Everard** was rewarded with a rise of 2p to 282p. Pre-tax profits were almost doubled at £25.6 million, helped by acquisitons. However, there was a further decline in gross margins, reflecting tough trading conditions in the chemicals industry. In spite of this, brokers moved quickly to upgrade forecasts for the current year by £2 million to £30 million.

Shares of **Goldsborough**, the private healthcare group that is fighting an unwanted bid from **Westminster Healthcare**, saw its price drop 14p to 148p as its hopes of retaining its independence received a boost. Schroder Investment Management, the group's biggest shareholder, said it was rejecting the terms, valuing the company at £75 million. Goldsborough says that it can now count on the votes of 35 per cent of shareholders. Westminster fell 14p to 295p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Investors put everything on hold ahead of a busy week that will see Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, give evidence to the Treasury Select Committee on the summer economic forecast, details of the next auction, and the PSBR numbers. In addition, Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, is expected to give a rundown on the US economy.

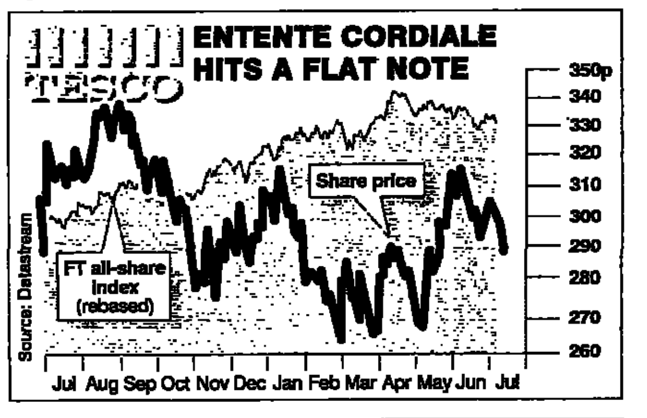
As a result, prices were left up to their own devices and finished the day nursing sizable falls.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt ended £⅜ down at £106¹⁵⁄₃₂ in thin trading that saw just 22,000 contracts completed.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 retreated £⅜ to £97⅞, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was down ¹⁄₁₆ at £103³⁄₁₆.

☐ **NEW YORK:** US blue chips remained weaker in early trading. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 26.59 to 5,483.97.

ViewInn, which is listed on AIM, tumbled 100p to 335p. The group provides hotel guests with information services via television. But a scheme to allow them newspapers electronically appears to have received a muted response from the hotels and faces competition from other suppliers.



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Dow Jones	5483.97 (-26.59)
S&P Composite	643.11 (-3.08)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	21753.42 (+96.97)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	10800.13 (-2.55)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	539.24 (-7.77)
Sydney:	
AO	2147.1 (-12.4)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2550.53 (+6.27)
Singapore:	
Straits	2180.80 (-28.62)
Brussels:	
General	9322.06 (-40.46)
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CAC-40	2029.51 (-21.04)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	796.50 (-4.50)
London:	
FT 30	2723.1 (-20.1)
FT 100	3698.3 (-30.0)
FT-SE Mid 250	4291.6 (-24.9)
FT-SE-A 350	1860.0 (-14.2)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1664.07 (-11.46)
FT A All-Share	1842.72 (-13.68)
FT Non Financials	1956.56 (-16.30)
FT Fixed Interest	112.65 (+0.10)
FT Govt Secs	92.83 (-0.67)
Bargains	30821
SEAQ Volume	667.3m
USM (Datastrm)	208.43 (-1.40)
US$	1.5508 (-0.0018)
German Mark	2.3555 (-0.0073)
Exchange Index	86.2 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2337
£:SDR	1.0757
RPI	153.0 Jun (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	152.6 Jun (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

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Syndct Cap n/p (110)	2	...
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TransTec n/p (103)	18	...
Vardy n/p (300)	13	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Osborne & Little .... 725p (+15p)

Eurotherm .... 547p (+13p)

FALLS:

CMG .... 588p (-36p)

Micro Focus .... 718p (-40p)

Wetherspoon JD .... 895p (-49p)

Ocean Group .... 443p (-21p)

Scotia .... 715p (-32p)

Tesco .... 278p (-11p)

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TEMPUS

Spring cleaning

THE financial services cupboard at BAT Industries has for years needed a good clean-out. Too many identical products gather dust on the shelves and nothing catches the eye of the independent financial advisers, the powerful middlemen who are increasing their control of the retail market. BAT was wise to reject the option of merging Eagle Star, Allied Dunbar and Threadneedle into a single "mega-brand", deciding to heed research that showed consumers preferred to buy investment products from fund managers rather than insurance companies. And by expanding Threadneedle, BAT is addressing its lack of exposure to the IFA market.

BAT estimates it can cut costs by up to £50 million every year by amalgamating back-office staff and computer networks. The strategy makes sense: though the brands will remain separate, the distinction is little more than cosmetic. Threadneedle already manages the assets of both Allied Dunbar and Eagle Star. At present, Eagle Star's weak life fund will remain part of the BAT group, although there is a sound argument for stripping it out and turning Eagle Star into a pure general insurance company.

BAT insists it really has no plans to demerge and in this case, the unfashionable conglomeration of tobacco and financial services may serve it well. The pensions transfer scandal and downturn in general insurance hit BAT as cigarette sales to the Third World boomed. Now, as BAT is using cash to invest heavily in tobacco manufacturing overseas, life sales are starting to pick up and confidence is returning to the sector. Such a symbiosis is good for BAT.

Ellis & Everard

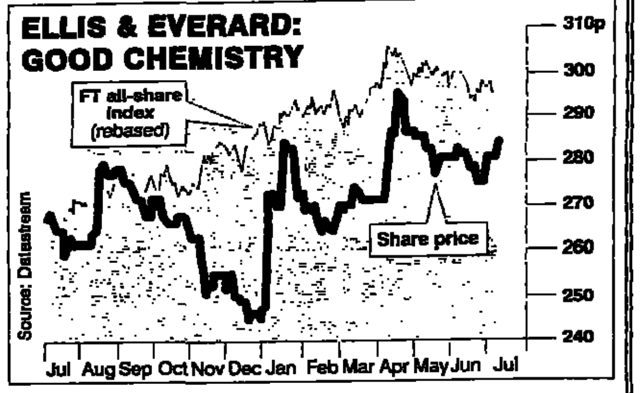
TARRED with the chemicals brush, Ellis & Everard has spent the past few years proving that a distributor can escape the earnings volatility of the chemical cycle.

Ellis has managed to raise its profits despite sharp movements in raw material prices and declining volumes as customers destock. At the root of this improvement has been a steady increase in net margin over the past few years.

Last year the company surived some major fluctuations in the price of raw materials with overall margins intact. But the company is now enjoying a 2 per cent to 3 per cent drop in raw material prices, which it expects to continue at least until the autumn.

Ellis also paid £18.5 million for five businesses that have bolstered its food additives and ingredients activity while improving the reach of its polymers business. More small deals are in the pipeline, although Ellis is equally prepared to grow organically. Gearing has been cut to 16 per cent and the company's cash flow has strengthened thanks to an improvement in working capital management and increased stock turn. Analysts are forecasting profits of about £30 million this year placing the company on a modest forward price earnings ratio of around 12 times.

The chemicals cycle may be past its peak but Ellis' has shown it can profit in bad weather too.



Goldsborough

THE smart money sold Goldsborough shares at 173p at the end of June when Wesminster Health Care announced its bid would not be increased. The latter launched a market raid, picking up 9 per cent but since then, things have not gone well, neither for Goldsborough shareholders, nor for Westminster.

Several fund managers, clearly miffed by the 156p cash alternative were not prepared to suffer either a capital loss or Westminster paper. Those investors, accounting for 35 per cent of Goldsborough, are sticking with Goldsborough and last week several declared their intentions.

At 156p, Goldsborough investors would not only be taking a loss but selling out at less than 12 times market forecasts of earnings for the current year. However, the question is not so much whether the price is right but whether patience will be sufficiently rewarded. The problem facing both Westminster and Goldsborough is a downturn in their market with cash-strapped local authorities beating down the price of beds in nursing homes. In response Goldsborough has been shifting its business to homecare, a less capital intensive business. However, margins on homecare are lowish, even without accounting for a share of Goldsborough's high central overhead and the barriers to entry in homecare are few. Competition will soon bring pressure on margins in this sector as well.

Private investors may wince at accepting the 156p cash offer, but nursing their Goldsborough shares is not a sound investment strategy and Westminster is only a weak alternative.

Biotechnology

The equity market is beginning to develop a resistance to biotechnology companies. Therapeutic Antibodies, the company that uses sheep to develop antibodies for use in treating snakebite, was forced to cut its offer price yesterday, reducing the amount of money it hoped to raise. British Biotech, the doyen of the sector, is also suffering: a substantial chunk of its one-for-eight rights issue could be left with the sub-underwriters. The mid-market price dipped to 2040p yesterday, below the 2050p issue price and a long way from the theoretical ex-rights price of 2343p, at the time the issue was launched.

Clearly, the equity market has fewer sheep these days prepared to undergo financial experiments for uncertain reward. British Biotech looks set for a soggy period and investors may wish to pass on their rights this time. They may be able to buy the shares more cheaply at a later date.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Jul	1005-1000	Sep	1065-1062
Sep	1019-1018	Dec	1074-1068
Dec	1021-1019	Mar	1082-1078
Mar	1032-1031	May	1092-1082
May	1043-1041		
Jul	1054-1051		Volume: 5486

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1578-1570	Mar	1444-1443
Sep	1588-1587	May	1435-1430
Nov	1524-1522	Jul	1440-1430
Jan	1484-1480		Volume: 4387

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	339.7-39.3
Spot: 367.5		May	335.9-35.4
Aug	367.2-65.0	Aug	333.4-30.9
Oct	354.2-53.7	Oct	321.0-19.0
Dec	346.7-46.3		Volume: 1494

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 12

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	118.70	113.62	102.38
(+/-)	-4.39	+1.12	+1.71
Eng/Wales:	118.70	114.39	102.30
(+/-)	-4.39	+1.84	+1.73
(%)	-1.0	-5.0	-17.0
Scotland:	unq	109.34	103.15
(+/-)		-2.76	+0.63
(%)		+39.0	+43.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.10	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Aug)	20.15	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.70	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	22.15	+0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	21.40	+0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unkl	210 (n/c)	213 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	182 (+1)	184 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	97 (n/c)	89 (+1)
Naphtha	196 (n/c)	189 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Aug	176.25-76.50	Nov	172.25-72.50
Sep	174.00-74.25	Dec	171.75-72.00
Oct	173.00-73.25		Vol: 10406

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	20.13-20.15	Nov	18.88 BID
Sep	19.71-19.73	Dec	19.50 BID
Oct	19.27-19.30		Vol 29042

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Sep	110.90	Sep	104.90
Nov	112.90	Nov	106.90
Jan	114.90	Jan	108.90
Mar	116.50	Mar	111.40
May	118.50	May	112.50
Volume: 133		Volume: 24	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	85.0
Mar	..	110.0
Apr	140.0	144.5
		Volume: 170

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Aug 90.75-91.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 96	1115	1110	1110
Aug 96	1110	1106	1108
Sep 96	1140	1140	1136
Oct 96	—	—	1232
Vol: 29 lots		Open Interest: 4585	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash:	3mth:	Rudolf Wolff Vol:
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1922.0-1925.0	1872.0-1874.0	1518275
Lead ($/tonne)	770.00-771.00	780.00-781.00	223100
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	989.50-990.50	1017.5-1018.0	306525
Tin ($/tonne)	6270.0-6280.0	6315.0-6320.0	15775
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1419.5-1420.0	1458.0-1458.5	1988400
Nickel ($/tonne)	7160.0-7170.0	7285.0-7290.0	66474

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom	420	10[illegible]	26[illegible]	33	1	10	19
(*430)	460	0	9	14[illegible]	30	32[illegible]	43
ASDA	110	8	11	13	0[illegible]	3	4[illegible]
(*118)	120	0[illegible]	5	8	4	7[illegible]	9
Boots	550	22[illegible]	38[illegible]	46	0[illegible]	9	15[illegible]
(*572)	600	0	12[illegible]	21	28	34	41
Br Airways	500	24	39[illegible]	48	0[illegible]	8[illegible]	14[illegible]
(*520)	550	0[illegible]	14	23[illegible]	27[illegible]	32	38
BP	550	43[illegible]	51[illegible]	59	0[illegible]	5[illegible]	11[illegible]
(*593)	600	1[illegible]	19[illegible]	29	8	24	32[illegible]
Br Steel	160	7[illegible]	12[illegible]	15[illegible]	2	5	8
(*166)	180	0[illegible]	3[illegible]	6[illegible]	14[illegible]	16	19[illegible]
C & W	390	21	34	43	0	8	13[illegible]
(*411)	420	1	16[illegible]	27	9[illegible]	19[illegible]	27
CU	550	14[illegible]	28[illegible]	40[illegible]	1	18	24[illegible]
(*564)	600	0	8[illegible]	21	36	51	55[illegible]
ICI	800	6[illegible]	28	45[illegible]	5	31	39[illegible]
(*801[illegible])	850	0	11[illegible]	24[illegible]	49[illegible]	66	70
Land Sec	600	17	32	41	0[illegible]	9	16
(*616[illegible])	650	0	8[illegible]	17[illegible]	33[illegible]	35	41[illegible]
M & S	460	19	31	38	0[illegible]	8	12[illegible]
(*478)	500	0[illegible]	9[illegible]	18	22	28	32[illegible]
Nat West	600	26[illegible]	38[illegible]	54[illegible]	0[illegible]	15[illegible]	24
(*626)	650	0[illegible]	15	30[illegible]	24[illegible]	43	50[illegible]
Safeway plc	300	29	36[illegible]	42	0	3	8
(*329)	330	3	16[illegible]	23[illegible]	4	13	19[illegible]
Sainsbury	360	10[illegible]	22[illegible]	28[illegible]	0[illegible]	8	13[illegible]
(*370)	390	0	7[illegible]	14[illegible]	20	24[illegible]	29[illegible]
Shell	900	39	55	64	0[illegible]	12	18
(*938[illegible])	950	1	22[illegible]	35[illegible]	12[illegible]	35	41
Smkl Bch	638	46	58[illegible]	—	0	8[illegible]	—
(*684)	687	2[illegible]	29[illegible]	—	9[illegible]	27[illegible]	—
Storehse	300	4	16	—	1[illegible]	10	—
(*302[illegible])	330	0	4[illegible]	—	27[illegible]	29	—
Trafalgar	50	0[illegible]	1	—	0[illegible]	0[illegible]	—
(*50)	60	0	0	—	10	10	—
Zeneca	1400	22[illegible]	74[illegible]	102	3	49	67
(*1418[illegible])	1450	1	50	76	32[illegible]	75[illegible]	91[illegible]
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Jan**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Jan**
BAT Ind	460	28	36	45	7[illegible]	15	19
(*484)	500	6	17	26	30	36[illegible]	40[illegible]
Vodafone	220	13	20[illegible]	23	4[illegible]	9	12[illegible]
(*227[illegible])	240	3[illegible]	11	13[illegible]	15	19[illegible]	23
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
Grand Met	420	16	27[illegible]	34[illegible]	8	15	22[illegible]
(*432)	460	2[illegible]	10[illegible]	17[illegible]	36	38[illegible]	46[illegible]
Ladbroke	180	9[illegible]	15	20	5	10[illegible]	14
(*183[illegible])	200	2	7	12	18	22[illegible]	25[illegible]
Utd Bisc	220	10	16	21	6	11	14
(*223)	240	2[illegible]	8	13	18[illegible]	23[illegible]	26

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	460	18	34[illegible]	42	3	9[illegible]	13
(*477[illegible])	500	1	13[illegible]	22[illegible]	24[illegible]	29[illegible]	33
Thames W	550	10	31	40[illegible]	1	14	25
(*559)	600	0[illegible]	11[illegible]	19	41	44	54
Series		**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**Feb**
BTR	220	18	21	24[illegible]	0[illegible]	5	7
(*235[illegible])	240	5	9	14	7[illegible]	14[illegible]	17
Br Aero	900	54	73[illegible]	94	7	23[illegible]	31[illegible]
(*939[illegible])	950	22[illegible]	45	66[illegible]	24[illegible]	45	53[illegible]
Br Telcm	330	25[illegible]	28	31[illegible]	4	9[illegible]	15[illegible]
(*353[illegible])	360	5	12	16[illegible]	21[illegible]	25	32
Cadbury	500	15[illegible]	26	39	11	23[illegible]	27[illegible]
(*501)	550	1[illegible]	10	19[illegible]	49	56[illegible]	59
Guinness	460	17[illegible]	26[illegible]	37	7	16	19[illegible]
(*466)	500	2[illegible]	9[illegible]	19	33	39[illegible]	41[illegible]
GEC	360	12[illegible]	23	29[illegible]	6	12	15[illegible]
(*365)	390	2[illegible]	9[illegible]	15[illegible]	25[illegible]	29[illegible]	32
Hanson	160	10	12	15[illegible]	1[illegible]	6	9[illegible]
(*167)	180	1[illegible]	4	6[illegible]	13[illegible]	18	20[illegible]
LASMO	160	15	21	23[illegible]	1	4[illegible]	4[illegible]
(*173)	190	3[illegible]	8	12	9[illegible]	12[illegible]	13[illegible]
Lucas	220	6[illegible]	13[illegible]	18	11	15[illegible]	17[illegible]
(*220)	240	1[illegible]	6[illegible]	10[illegible]	26[illegible]	29	30
Pilkingtn	172	16	—	—	1	—	—
(*185[illegible])	191	4[illegible]	—	—	8[illegible]	—	—
Prudential	390	29[illegible]	35[illegible]	45	2[illegible]	9	11[illegible]
(*415)	420	9[illegible]	18	28[illegible]	12[illegible]	22	27
Redland	390	21	30[illegible]	37[illegible]	5	14	19
(*403[illegible])	420	6	15[illegible]	23	20[illegible]	31	35
R-Royce	220	9[illegible]	16[illegible]	21[illegible]	5[illegible]	11[illegible]	14
(*222[illegible])	240	2[illegible]	8	13	19[illegible]	23[illegible]	25[illegible]
Tesco	260	22	26	32	1[illegible]	6[illegible]	9[illegible]
(*278)	280	9	14	20[illegible]	8	14[illegible]	18
Williams	300	31	34	—	0[illegible]	4	—
(*329)	330	8[illegible]	14[illegible]	—	7[illegible]	15[illegible]	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3698[illegible])

	3550	3600	3650	3700	3750	3800
Calls						
Jul	149[illegible]	95[illegible]	49	15[illegible]	3	1
Aug	147	106[illegible]	71[illegible]	43	23[illegible]	10[illegible]
Sep	169	132	100	71	48	31
Oct	187[illegible]	151[illegible]	121[illegible]	92	69[illegible]	48[illegible]
Dec	—	191[illegible]	—	130	—	87[illegible]
Puts						
Jul	1	2	7	23[illegible]	63	113
Aug	14	23	37	58[illegible]	89	120
Sep	30	42	59	81	107	140[illegible]
Oct	44[illegible]	57	75[illegible]	96[illegible]	123	153[illegible]
Dec	—	64	—	122[illegible]	—	175

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Abby Nat	550	32[illegible]	47[illegible]	56[illegible]	12[illegible]	19[illegible]	32[illegible]
(*579)	600	9	25[illegible]	33[illegible]	40	46	59
Amstrad	180	23[illegible]	27	—	4[illegible]	5[illegible]	—
(*198[illegible])	200	11	15[illegible]	—	12[illegible]	13[illegible]	—
Barclays	750	50	64[illegible]	80[illegible]	10	18	33[illegible]
(*792[illegible])	800	19	36	53	32[illegible]	40	57[illegible]
Blue Circ	360	15	24	28[illegible]	13	18[illegible]	20
(*362)	390	4	11[illegible]	15[illegible]	33	36[illegible]	38
Br Gas	180	15	19	21[illegible]	4	8	10[illegible]
(*189)	200	5[illegible]	8	12[illegible]	14	19[illegible]	22[illegible]
Dixons	500	41	54[illegible]	63[illegible]	7	15	20[illegible]
(*537)	550	13[illegible]	27	36[illegible]	30[illegible]	38	43[illegible]
Forte	343	33[illegible]	—	—	0	—	—
(*374)	373	9	—	—	5	—	—
Tarmac	100	6[illegible]	10	12	4[illegible]	8	9
(*102)	110	2[illegible]	5[illegible]	7[illegible]	10[illegible]	14	14[illegible]
Hillsdwn	160	13[illegible]	17	19	2[illegible]	5	6[illegible]
(*170[illegible])	180	3	6[illegible]	9[illegible]	12	15[illegible]	16[illegible]
Lonrho	160	14[illegible]	19	21[illegible]	2	5	6[illegible]
(*173)	180	4	8	11[illegible]	11[illegible]	14	16
Sears	90	9	10[illegible]	—	1	2[illegible]	—
(*97)	100	3	5	—	5	7	—
Thorn	1700	64[illegible]	96	—	52	71[illegible]	—
(*1722[illegible])	1800	24[illegible]	53[illegible]	—	118[illegible]	131[illegible]	—
Tomkins	240	17	20[illegible]	24[illegible]	6	8[illegible]	12
(*254)	260	5[illegible]	11	14[illegible]	17[illegible]	19[illegible]	22[illegible]
Lloyds TSB	330	13	23[illegible]	28[illegible]	12	17	24[illegible]
(*332[illegible])	360	2[illegible]	10[illegible]	15[illegible]	32[illegible]	36	42[illegible]
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Glaxo W	850	23[illegible]	46[illegible]	67[illegible]	1	30	39[illegible]
(*872[illegible])	900	1	23[illegible]	44	28	57[illegible]	66[illegible]
HSBC	1000	40[illegible]	68	93[illegible]	0	26	40
(*1040)	1050	3[illegible]	41[illegible]	67	14	49	64
Reuter	700	29[illegible]	53[illegible]	68[illegible]	1[illegible]	19[illegible]	29[illegible]
(*728)	750	1	27[illegible]	42	24[illegible]	43	53
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Jan**
Royal Ins	390	5	20	29[illegible]	2	19	23[illegible]
(*393)	420	0	9	17	27	37[illegible]	41[illegible]
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**
Kingfishr	600	19	38[illegible]	56[illegible]	0[illegible]	16	26[illegible]
(*619[illegible])	650	0	15	33[illegible]	31[illegible]	43[illegible]	52[illegible]
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**
Unilever	1250	14	49[illegible]	61	1[illegible]	21	32[illegible]
(*1261[illegible])	1300	0	24	35[illegible]	38[illegible]	47[illegible]	58
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**
Natl Pwr	390	30	44	52	4[illegible]	11	14[illegible]
(*389)	400	12	21	30[illegible]	20	29	32
Scot Pwr	300	17[illegible]	21[illegible]	26[illegible]	14	19	24[illegible]
(*307)	330	4	11	15[illegible]	30	39	44

July 15, 1996 Tot: 32063 Call: 13687 Put: 19076 FT-SE Call: 59484 Put: 6506

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Sep 96	3726.0	3730.0	3689.0	3692.0	9773
Previous open interest: 59997	Dec 96	3738.0	3738.0	3711.0	3712.5	116
FT-SE 250	Sep 96	4284.0	4284.0	4284.0	4284.0	250
Previous open interest: 3740	Dec 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Sep 96	94.29	94.30	94.28	94.29	7259
Previous open interest: 396830	Dec 96	94.18	94.20	94.17	94.19	9156
	Mar 97	93.89	93.89	93.87	93.89	3231
Three Mth Euro Yen	Dec 96	98.66	98.66	98.65	98.65	1275
	Mar 97				98.34	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 96	96.59	96.59	96.56	96.59	11691
Previous open interest: 1011657	Dec 96	96.42	96.43	96.39	96.43	19141
Long Gilt	Sep 96	106-24	106-25	106-13	106-15	22935
Previous open interest: 135110	Dec 96	105-26	105-26	105-26	105-20	20
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 96	118.29	118.30	118.10	118.23	2522
	Dec 96	117.22	117.22	117.09	117.19	414
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 96	95.91	95.95	95.72	95.82	55561
Previous open interest: 202711	Dec 96	94.90	94.90	94.90	94.92	33
Three month ECU	Sep 96	95.53	95.55	95.52	95.52	1015
Previous open interest: 23205	Dec 96	95.43	95.44	95.42	95.42	233
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 96	97.29	97.30	97.23	97.26	2708
Previous open interest: 70189	Dec 96	97.10	97.12	97.04	97.07	1221
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 96	116.90	116.93	115.95	115.97	43593
Previous open interest: 66679	Dec 96				115.33	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5[illegible] Low 5[illegible] Week fixed: 5[illegible]

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth 5[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 5[illegible]; 3 mth: 5[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	6-5[illegible]
Interbank:	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	6-5[illegible]
Overnight: open 5[illegible], close 5[illegible].					
Local Authority Deps:	5[illegible]	n/a	5[illegible]	5[illegible]	5[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.42	n/a	5.58	5.80	6.19
Building Society CDs:	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5[illegible]-4[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5[illegible]-5[illegible]	5-4
Deutschemark:	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-2[illegible]
French Franc:	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	3[illegible]-3[illegible]	4-3[illegible]	4-3
Swiss Franc:	2[illegible]-2[illegible]	2[illegible]-2[illegible]	2[illegible]-2[illegible]	2[illegible]-2[illegible]	3-2
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1/par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $384.00-384.30 Close: $383.00-383.50 High: $384.00-384.30

Low: $382.00-382.50 AM: $383.55 PM: $382.75

Krugerrand: $382.50-385.50 (£246.50-248.50)

Platinum: $392.75 (£253.40) **Silver:** $5.09 (£3.285) **Palladium:** $131.25 (£84.70)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6425-2.6540	2.6425-2.6446	[illegible]pr	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr
Brussels	48.481-48.710	48.481-48.528	13-8pr	31-24pr
Copenhagen	9.0751-9.1110	9.0751-9.0811	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr	4[illegible]-3[illegible]pr
Dublin	0.9721-0.9752	0.9726-0.9742	4-1pr	7-2pr
Frankfurt	2.3537-2.3641	2.3537-2.3554	[illegible]pr	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr
Lisbon	241.95-242.98	241.95-242.17	[illegible]ds	[illegible]-1[illegible]ds
Madrid	198.23-199.05	198.23-198.34	25-35ds	69-80ds
Milan	2380.3-2396.5	2383.1-2396.5	68-83ds	17-20ds
Montreal	2.1186-2.1250	2.1236-2.1250	0.23-0.15pr	0.39-0.28pr
New York	1.5492-1.5510	1.5504-1.5507	0.05-0.03pr	0.03-0.01pr
Oslo	10.074-10.097	10.076-10.085	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	7.9760-8.0030	7.9760-7.9800	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr	3[illegible]-3[illegible]pr
Stockholm	10.409-10.456	10.437-10.454	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Tokyo	171.01-171.66	171.01-171.14	[illegible]pr	2[illegible]-2[illegible]pr
Vienna	16.562-16.639	16.562-16.575	[illegible]pr	1[illegible]pr
Zurich	1.9433-1.9530	1.9433-1.9451	[illegible]pr	1[illegible]-1[illegible]pr

Source: Extel Premium = pr. Discount = ds

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2583-1.2591
Austria	10.69-10.70
Belgium (Com)	31.30-31.34
Canada	1.3690-1.3695
Denmark	5.8585-5.8615
France	5.1480-5.1485
Germany	1.5202-1.5212
Hong Kong	7.7393-7.7398
Ireland	1.5917-1.5937
Italy	1537.60-1539.10
Japan	110.45-110.50
Malaysia	2.4915-2.4925
Netherlands	1.7065-1.7070
Norway	6.4988-6.5026
Portugal	156.27-156.35
Singapore	1.4190-1.4200
Spain	128.03-128.06
Sweden	6.7424-6.7524
Switzerland	1.2550-1.2560

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5506-1.5532
Australia dollar	1.9511-1.9535
Bahrain dinar	0.5785-0.5905
Brazil real*	1.5552-1.5594
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7200-0.7300
Finland markka	7.1625-7.2785
Greece drachma	367.50-374.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.0006-12.0091
India rupee	54.73-55.69
Indonesia rupiah	3578.00-3646.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4600-0.4700
Malaysia ringgit	3.8625-3.8666
New Zealand dollar	2.2613-2.2644
Pakistan rupee	54.42 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5800-5.7000
Singapore dollar	2.2006-2.2036
S Africa rand (com)	6.8400-6.9420
U A E dirham	5.6325-6.7565

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3I	1,800	Marks Spr	2,200
ASDA Gp	7,700	NatWst Bk	1,500
Abbey Ntl	2,200	Nat Grid	701
Allied Dom	1,700	Nat Power	8,000
Argos	519	Next	646
AB Foods	1,400	Orange	1,700
BAA	870	P & O	3,100
BAT Inds	2,600	Pearson	804
BOC	567	Pilkington	2,000
BP	3,100	PowerGen	3,700
BSkyB	754	Prudential	2,000
BTR	5,500	RMC	163
BT	5,600	RTZ	3,000
Bk of Scot	2,200	Rank Org	962
Barclays	1,500	Reckitt Col	642
Bass	1,300	Redland	902
Blue Circle	552	Reed Intl	1,200
Boots	1,500	Rentokil	3,400
BAe	3,700	Reuters	3,900
BA	2,300	Rolls Royce	3,400
Brit Gas	5,200	Royal Ins	16,800
Brit Steel	2,100	Ryl Bk Scot	1,200
Burmah Cstl	797	Safeway	2,900
Burton	2,100	Sainsbury	3,400
Cable Wire	1,600	Schroders	65
Cadbury	1,500	Scot & New	230
Carlton Cms	533	Scot Power	2,200
Cm Union	668	Svrn Trent	652
Cookson	574	Shell Trans	1,600
Courtaulds	1,700	Siebe	1,200
Dixons	3,100	SmKl Bch	3,200
Enterpr Oil	213	Smith Nph	708
GKN	660	Smiths Inds	841
GRE	207	Sthern Elec	290
GUS	2,100	Std Chartd	2,100
Gen Acc	1,100	Sun Allnce	1,000
Gen Elec	8,300	TI Gp	934
Glaxo Well	6,100	Tate & Lyle	578
Granada	3,800	Tesco	10,100
Grand Met	3,500	Thames W	607
Guinness	1,800	Thrn EMI	746
HSBC	1,600	Tomkins	3,400
Hanson	3,800	Unilever	829
ICI	1,000	Utd Utilities	491
Kingfisher	1,500	Utd News & M	591
LASMO	155	Vodafone	5,800
Ladbroke	1,700	Whitbread	1,300
Land Secs	698	Wllms Hld	1,600
Legal & Gn	606	Wolseley	1,300
Lloyds TSB	3,500	Zeneca	962

WALL STREET

	Jul 15 midday	Jul 12 close
AMP Inc	38[illegible]	38[illegible]
AMR Corp	83	83
ASA	40[illegible]	40[illegible]
AT & T	58[illegible]	58[illegible]
Abbott Labs	44[illegible]	44[illegible]
Advanced Micro	12[illegible]	12[illegible]
Aetna Life	62[illegible]	62[illegible]
Ahmanson (HF)	24[illegible]	24[illegible]
Air Prod & Chem	55[illegible]	55[illegible]
AirTouch Comm	27[illegible]	27[illegible]
Alberto-Culver B	44[illegible]	44[illegible]
Albertson's	40[illegible]	40[illegible]
Alcan Alumnm	30[illegible]	30[illegible]
Alco Standard	42	42
Allied Signal	55[illegible]	55[illegible]
Alum Co of Am	57[illegible]	57[illegible]
Amax Gold Inc	5[illegible]	5[illegible]
Amerada Hess	52	52
Amer Brands	46[illegible]	46[illegible]
Amer El Power	42[illegible]	42[illegible]
Amer Express	42[illegible]	42[illegible]
Amer Genl Corp	36[illegible]	36[illegible]
Amer Home Pr	56[illegible]	56[illegible]
Amer Intl	93[illegible]	93[illegible]
Amer Stores	37	37
Amer Standard	27[illegible]	29[illegible]
Ameritech	58[illegible]	58[illegible]
Amoco	69[illegible]	69[illegible]
Anheuser-Busch	72[illegible]	72[illegible]
Apple Computer	18[illegible]	18[illegible]
Archer Daniels	17[illegible]	17[illegible]
Armco	4[illegible]	4[illegible]
Armstrng Wrld	57	57
Asarco	26[illegible]	26[illegible]
Atl Richfield	121[illegible]	121[illegible]
Auto Data Pro	36[illegible]	36[illegible]
Avery Dennison	52[illegible]	52[illegible]
Avon Products	43[illegible]	43[illegible]
Baker Hughes	34[illegible]	34[illegible]
Baltim Gas & El	27[illegible]	27[illegible]
Banc One	32[illegible]	32[illegible]
BankAmerica	76[illegible]	76[illegible]
Bank of NY	50[illegible]	50[illegible]
Bankers Tr NY	71[illegible]	71[illegible]
Barnett Banks	59[illegible]	59[illegible]
Bausch & Lomb	38[illegible]	38[illegible]
Baxter Intl	44[illegible]	44[illegible]
Becton Dkinsn	74[illegible]	74[illegible]
Bell Atlantic	61[illegible]	61[illegible]
Bell Industries	17[illegible]	17[illegible]
BellSouth	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Black & Decker	35[illegible]	35[illegible]
Block (H&R)	28[illegible]	28[illegible]
Boeing	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	36[illegible]	36[illegible]
Bristol Myrs Sq	87[illegible]	87[illegible]
Browning Ferris	26[illegible]	26[illegible]
Brunswick	17[illegible]	17[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	82[illegible]	82[illegible]
CMS Energy Corp	30[illegible]	30[illegible]
CNA Financial	100[illegible]	100[illegible]
CPC Intl	70	70
CSX	46[illegible]	46[illegible]
Campbell Soup	68[illegible]	68[illegible]
Can Pacific	21[illegible]	21[illegible]
Carolina Pwr	36[illegible]	36[illegible]
Caterpillar	67[illegible]	67[illegible]
Central & SW	28[illegible]	28[illegible]
Champion Intl	43[illegible]	41[illegible]
Chase Manhat	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chevron Corp	61[illegible]	61[illegible]
Chrysler	56[illegible]	56[illegible]
Chubb Corp	46[illegible]	46[illegible]
Cigna Corp	110[illegible]	110[illegible]
Citicorp	77[illegible]	77[illegible]
Clorox	90[illegible]	90[illegible]
Coastal Corp	43[illegible]	43[illegible]
Coca Cola	47[illegible]	47[illegible]
Colgate-Palmolive	82[illegible]	82[illegible]
Columbia Gas	53[illegible]	53[illegible]
ColumbiaHCA	49[illegible]	49[illegible]
Compaq Comp	43[illegible]	43[illegible]
Comp Ass Intl	64[illegible]	64[illegible]
Conagra	45[illegible]	45[illegible]
Conrail	67[illegible]	67[illegible]
Cons Edison	28[illegible]	28[illegible]
Cons Nat Gas	53[illegible]	53[illegible]
Cooper Inds	38[illegible]	38[illegible]
Corestates	37[illegible]	37[illegible]
Corning Inc	36[illegible]	36[illegible]
Crown Cork	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Dana Corp	28[illegible]	28[illegible]
Dayton Hudson	95[illegible]	95[illegible]
Deere	37[illegible]	37[illegible]
Delta Air Lines	78[illegible]	78[illegible]
Deluxe Corp	34[illegible]	34[illegible]
Digital Equip	34[illegible]	34[illegible]
Dillard Dept St	33[illegible]	33[illegible]
Disney (Walt)	56[illegible]	56[illegible]
Dominion Res	38[illegible]	38[illegible]
Donelley (RR)	33[illegible]	33[illegible]
Dover Corp	44[illegible]	44[illegible]
Dow Chemical	78[illegible]	78[illegible]
Dow Jones	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser	30[illegible]	30[illegible]
Duke Power	50[illegible]	50[illegible]
Dun & Bradstreet	61	60
Du Pont	78	78
Eastman Chem	59[illegible]	59[illegible]
Eastman Kodak	71	71

	Jul 15 midday	Jul 12 close
Eaton Corp	55[illegible]	55[illegible]
Edison Intl	17	17
Emerson Elec	84[illegible]	84[illegible]
Engelhard Corp	22[illegible]	22[illegible]
Enron Corp	42[illegible]	42[illegible]
Entergy	26[illegible]	26[illegible]
Ethyl Corp	9[illegible]	9[illegible]
Exxon	90	90
FMC Corp	65[illegible]	65[illegible]
FPL Group	45[illegible]	45[illegible]
Federal Express	76[illegible]	76[illegible]
Fed Nat Mtge	30[illegible]	30[illegible]
First Bk Sys	58[illegible]	58[illegible]
First Union Rlty	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fleet Fnl Grp	42[illegible]	42[illegible]
Fluor Corp	61[illegible]	61[illegible]
Ford Motor	30[illegible]	30[illegible]
GTE Corp	43[illegible]	43[illegible]
Gannett	68[illegible]	68[illegible]
Gap Inc Del	30	30
Gen Dynamics	61[illegible]	61[illegible]
Gen Electric	84	84
Gen Mills	53	53
Gen Motors	48[illegible]	49[illegible]
Gen Reinsurance	150[illegible]	150[illegible]
Gen Signal	39[illegible]	38[illegible]
Genuine Parts	44[illegible]	44[illegible]
Georgia Pac	73[illegible]	73[illegible]
Gillette	60[illegible]	60[illegible]
Glaxo Welle ADR	27[illegible]	27[illegible]
Goodrich (BF)	37[illegible]	37[illegible]
Goodyear Tire	45[illegible]	45[illegible]
Grace (W&R)	67[illegible]	67[illegible]
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29[illegible]	29[illegible]
Great Wstn Fin	22[illegible]	22[illegible]
Halliburton	56[illegible]	56[illegible]
Harcourt General	50[illegible]	50[illegible]
Heinz (HJ)	31[illegible]	31[illegible]
Hercules	52[illegible]	52[illegible]
Hershey Foods	74[illegible]	74[illegible]
Hewlett Packard	78	76
Hilton Hotels	105	105
Home Depot	50[illegible]	50[illegible]
Homestake Mng	17	17
Honeywell	51[illegible]	51[illegible]
Household Intl	72[illegible]	72[illegible]
Houston Inds	23[illegible]	23[illegible]
Humana	16[illegible]	16[illegible]
ITT Corp	60[illegible]	60[illegible]
Illinois Tool	65[illegible]	65[illegible]
Illinova	27[illegible]	27[illegible]
INCO	31[illegible]	31[illegible]
Ingersoll Rand	40[illegible]	40[illegible]
Inland Steel	18[illegible]	18[illegible]
Intel Corp	71[illegible]	71[illegible]
IBM	94[illegible]	94[illegible]
Intl Flav & Fr	44[illegible]	44[illegible]
Intl Paper	40[illegible]	40[illegible]
James River Va	26[illegible]	26[illegible]
Jhnsn & Jnhsn	47[illegible]	47[illegible]
Kellogg	75[illegible]	75[illegible]
Kerr-McGee	62[illegible]	62[illegible]
Kimberly-Clark	75[illegible]	75[illegible]
Kmart	11	11
Knight-Ridder	69[illegible]	69[illegible]
Lilly (Eli)	60[illegible]	60[illegible]
Limited Inc	16[illegible]	16[illegible]
Lincoln Nat	43[illegible]	43[illegible]
Litton	44	44
Liz Claiborne	30[illegible]	30[illegible]
Lockheed Martin	82[illegible]	82[illegible]
Louisiana Pac	21[illegible]	21[illegible]
MCI Comm	26[illegible]	26[illegible]
Marriott Intl	50[illegible]	50[illegible]
Marsh & McLnn	92[illegible]	92[illegible]
Masco Corp	28[illegible]	28[illegible]
May Dept St	42[illegible]	42[illegible]
Maytag Corp	20[illegible]	20[illegible]
McDonalds	44[illegible]	44[illegible]
McDonnell D	49	49
McGraw Hill	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Mead Corp	53[illegible]	53[illegible]
Medtronic	50	50
Mellon Bk	54[illegible]	54[illegible]
Melville Corp	38[illegible]	38[illegible]
Merck Inc	63[illegible]	61[illegible]
Merrill Lynch	57[illegible]	57[illegible]
Microsoft	112[illegible]	112[illegible]
Minnesota Mine	67	67
Mobil Corp	117[illegible]	117[illegible]
Monsanto	30[illegible]	30[illegible]
Morgan (JP)	82[illegible]	82[illegible]
Motorola Inc	55[illegible]	55[illegible]
Natl Semi	14[illegible]	14[illegible]
Natl Service Ind	38[illegible]	38[illegible]
Navistar Intl	10[illegible]	10[illegible]
NY Times A	30[illegible]	30[illegible]
Newmont Mng	51[illegible]	51[illegible]
Niag Mohawk	7[illegible]	7[illegible]
Nike B	100[illegible]	100[illegible]
NL Industries	10[illegible]	10[illegible]
Noram Energy	11[illegible]	11[illegible]
Nordstrom	40[illegible]	40[illegible]
Norfolk Sthrn	84[illegible]	84[illegible]
Nthn State Pwr	48[illegible]	48[illegible]
Norwest Corp	32[illegible]	32[illegible]
Nynex Corp	46[illegible]	46[illegible]
Occidental Pet	23[illegible]	23[illegible]
Ohio Edison	21[illegible]	21[illegible]
Oracle	37[illegible]	37[illegible]

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Oryx Energy Co	16	16
Overseas Ship	17[illegible]	17[illegible]
Owens Corning	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
PHH Corp	53[illegible]	53[illegible]
PPG Industries	46[illegible]	46[illegible]
PNC Bank	29[illegible]	29[illegible]
PP&L Res	23[illegible]	23[illegible]
Paccar Inc	47[illegible]	47[illegible]
Pacificorp	21[illegible]	21[illegible]
Pac Enterprises	29[illegible]	29[illegible]
Pac Gas & Elect	22[illegible]	22[illegible]
Pac Telesis	33[illegible]	33[illegible]
Pall Corp	21[illegible]	21[illegible]
Parker Hannifin	37[illegible]	37[illegible]
Peco Energy	25[illegible]	25[illegible]
Penney (JC)	50[illegible]	50[illegible]
Pennzoil	48[illegible]	48[illegible]
Pepsico	33[illegible]	33[illegible]
Pfizer	71[illegible]	71[illegible]
Pharm & Upjhn	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Phelps Dodge	58[illegible]	58[illegible]
Philip Morris	101[illegible]	101[illegible]
Phillips Pet	43[illegible]	43[illegible]
Pitney Bowes	45[illegible]	45[illegible]
Polaroid	43[illegible]	43[illegible]
PriceCostco	20[illegible]	20[illegible]
Procter & Gmbl	86[illegible]	86[illegible]
Providian	40[illegible]	40[illegible]
Pub Serv E & G	27	27
Quaker Oats	32	32
Ralston Purina	62	62
Raychem Corp	66[illegible]	66[illegible]
Raytheon	47[illegible]	47[illegible]
Reebok Intl	33[illegible]	33[illegible]
Reynolds Metals	52	52
Rockwell Intl	52[illegible]	52[illegible]
Rohm & Haas	60[illegible]	60[illegible]
Royal Dutch	154[illegible]	154[illegible]
Rubbermaid	29	29
SBC Comms	49[illegible]	49[illegible]
Safeco Corp	33[illegible]	33[illegible]
St Paul's Cos	54[illegible]	54[illegible]
Salomon Inc	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Sara Lee Corp	31[illegible]	31[illegible]
Schering Plough	61[illegible]	61[illegible]
Schlumberger	88[illegible]	86[illegible]
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Not exactly bubbling over

NOT a cloud on the horizon yesterday when, after so many false starts, the age of paperless stock market share trading finally dawned. Or so it seemed. Crest, the new settlement system, had been running faultlessly since 4am and the first deals had been logged. Imagine then the consternation when minutes before Chancellor Kenneth Clarke, accompanied by Angela Knight, his Treasury Minister, were due to arrive for the unveiling of a specially commissioned sculpture, it was discovered that there was not nearly enough "sparkling wine" to go round. Minions were dispatched to the nearest store — a Safeways supermarket directly below Crest's office.

Self-conviction

VOLUNTEERING to be a guinea pig to test the taxman's new self-assessment programme can be a dangerous business. Of the 20,000 volunteers in Leicester and Southampton, who have spent the last two years filling in the new tax returns as part of the Revenue's introduction of its self-assessment system, more than one has lived to regret it. During the course of the pilot, certain, irregularities came to light in their tax affairs. Now they face the full weight of the Revenue.

"No panic — any minor leakage in our share price is merely routine"

Wilson? Who he?

SOUTHERN ELECTRIC shareholders who recently received news about their annual meeting will have done so with some puzzlement. Item three on the agenda is to reappoint Geoffrey Wilson. This is the same Mr Wilson who had in fact said last week that he was stepping down as chairman and leaving the company. The boardroom shake-up, announced after Southern Electric's failed bid for Southern Water, must have moved too swiftly for the administrative machine.

Sinking feeling

AN OMINOUS sign for Blue Star Line, one of the 15 City institutions who took part in the St John Ambulance Dragon Boat Race last weekend. As excited spectators gathered round the edge of Millwall Dock, in anticipation of the first race, the team from Blue Star Line, decked out in war paint and T-shirts splashed with the company name, made its way to the starting line. Unfortunately for the shipping company — its boat sank. Meanwhile British Airways beat Merrill Lynch and Save & Prosper for the dragon's head cup.

BUPA looks to be heading down the same flight path as its rival PPP Healthcare. Valerie Gooding, who was yesterday appointed managing director UK operations, was a former British Airways director. But, for now, PPP Healthcare has the monopoly. Peter Owen, group chief executive, Bob Challens, managing director PPP Healthcare, and Denis Walker, human resources director, are among a crew of former BA employees at PPP.

MORAG PRESTON

Public sector puzzle casts shadow over jobs figures

Philip Bassett on the contradictory data that has left Whitehall number crunchers worried

The Government hopes to announce a further fall in unemployment tomorrow. But behind the headline figures on the number of people out of work may lie further clues about a problem worrying Whitehall statisticians: the apparent growth of the public sector.

In the Thatcherite 1980s, cutting back the public sector was a totem of government policy. The Conservative Government since then has been as keen to keep overall public spending under control by holding the size of the public sector under a tight rein, which is why a rise in public sector employment is both a concern to officials, and an embarrassment to Tory ministers.

The Government's jobs record will come under new scrutiny today when the Employment Policy Institute, the independent jobs pressure group, launches the first of its quarterly employment audits — a regular examination of the UK labour market. MPs on the Commons' all-party employment commitee will also today begin looking hard at what ministers regard as a key aspect of labour market issues — Britain's non-wage labour costs. And leaders of the Institute of Directors will also argue that the UK's social costs are far too high.

For its part, Labour is promoting new figures, drawn from official data, showing that 9.4 million people have experienced at least one spell of unemployment since the last general election. The Government, already promoting the UK's jobs record against other EU countries, will be heartened by a report to be published on Thursday, by the OECD, forecasting that Britain's unemployment performance is likely to outpace most main economic competitors.

But larger, structural shifts, such as an apparent reverse in the shrinking size of the public sector, carry an underlying importance. Figures from the Treasury show public sector jobs are in decline. In 1961, when the UK workforce stood at 24.5 million, the public sector totalled 5.9 million, compared to 18.6 million in the private sector.

Two decades later, with the workforce roughly constant, the private sector had declined to 17.3 million, while the public sector had increased to 7.2 million. Conservatives, appalled by this growth under the Labour administrations of the 60s and 70s, started hacking back the public sector. By 1993, the results were apparent: public sector numbers were down to 5.5 million, while private sector jobs had soared to 19.6 million.

Hospitals are one area of the public sector showing a tendency to expand part-time or temporary employment

The following two years saw the trend continue, so that by 1995 total jobs in the private sector stood at 20.3 million, up by 17 per cent since 1981. Public sector employment, meanwhile, was down to 5.3 million, a drop of 27 per cent on its 1981 level.

So far, so clear. Some of this is straight headcount reduction: the Government now employs, for example, fewer white-collar civil servants than it did. However, new initiatives demand new staff, and some cyclical events, such as unemployment rising and falling, have knock-on effects on staff numbers.

Some of it is a result of privatisation. With large bodies, such as BT, British Coal, British Gas, and the electricity and water companies, moving into the private sector, overall public sector numbers fall. From 1989, universities, polytechnics and state schools opting out of local authority control were reclassified as non-profit-making private sector bodies, and a similar transfer took place four years later for further education and sixth-form colleges.

WORKFORCE

Public and private sector employment in millions

		Public	Private
1993	Autumn	6,094	18,821
	Winter	6,028	18,762
1994	Spring	6,048	18,921
	Summer	5,994	19,246
	Autumn	5,921	19,318
	Winter	5,934	19,170
1995	Spring	5,960	19,227
	Summer	5,959	19,513
	Autumn	6,024	19,397
	Winter	6,069	19,243

Source LFS

But if the Treasury's figures seem to be telling a clear story, what is worrying Whitehall is a separate set of numbers which seems to be showing, in recent months at least, entirely the opposite. The Government will tomorrow release the first snapshot results from its quarterly *Labour Force Survey* (LFS), taken from a sample of 60,000 households in Britain. LFS figures showed, until the winter and spring of 1994-95, a steady reduction in public sector employment. Since then, however, the public sector headcount has been on the up. The last two quarters have seen rises of 65,000 and 45,000.

Whitehall statisticians admit privately that at first they simply didn't believe the figures. Now satisfied that the LFS's figures are at least statistically right, they've been trying to find out what is going on. By gender, the detailed figures show a rough equivalence. Public sector male employment has been rising slowly but steadily — up by a net 62,000 over the past year. At the same time, public sector female jobs are up by a net 74,000.

Part-time work in the public sector has seen some sharp increases. Over the past year, total part-time employment in the public sector has risen by 134,000, while part-time private sector jobs rose by 56,000. Incomes Data Services, the independent labour market analyst, suggests that many public sector bodies, such as hospitals, are showing a "tendency to expand part-time and temporary employment".

The Government produces two main forms of employment data. The first, the Workforce in Employment (WiE) series, is based on a survey of employers. The second, the LFS figures, are a count of a sample of individuals at home. The two series have diverged embarrassingly in the past, with each set telling a different story: one showing employment rising, and one showing it falling. Although they are running in broadly the same direction at the moment, there is still a numerical gap, and Whitehall officials have come to accept that there is likely to remain a significant gap which cannot be bridged.

Currently the gap, according to the most recent comparable sets of figures, is 731,000 for public sector jobs, and a little more than one million for private sector employment — though the LFS figure for public sector jobs is higher than the WiE figure, while the WiE figure for private sector employment is higher than the LFS estimate.

Differences of definition may be part of the explanation. So, too, may people's views about their own jobs, as measured by the LFS. Some people may be counted by an employers' survey as being in the private sector (people employed by a contract cleaning firm, for instance), whereas someone from such a company's workforce, questioned at home by the LFS, might see themselves as a cleaner in a public sector hospital and be classified accordingly.

Even so, analysts accept that such differences probably do not account for all or even most of the gap and more statistical work needs to be done.

Before or after the next general election, public sector finances are and will be crucial. Labour costs form a huge majority of the total cost of the public sector, and whatever the Government's political colour, making sure of the basic facts behind those costs is a vital part of understanding the public finances, the labour market and the economy.

ANATOLE KALETSKY

Tax cuts that are duty-free

I can today reveal a top-secret Budget judgment. Despite his reputation as a latter-day Iron Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke has decided to give the British public a big pre-election tax cut, worth far more than backbench Tories had dared to imagine in their wildest dreams. Next year's tax cut will be worth £6 billion and its value will increase even further if the Tories are re-elected in 1997.

How did I get wind of this most hallowed of government secrets? I cannot, of course, reveal my source by name. But suffice it to say that he (or she) is a highly-placed and authoritative government official. Even more importantly, I can now assure you that the figure I was passed has been effectively confirmed in an official statement by the Chancellor.

Table 2.2 of the summer economic forecasts published by the Treasury last week shows that Mr Clarke now expects to raise only £298.2 billion in total taxes in 1997-98 — £5.8 billion less than the tax collections of £304 billion planned in last November's Budget. Since this happens to be almost exactly equal to my leaked figure for tax cuts of £6 billion, I can have complete confidence in passing on this information.

Those of you who share with me a Keynesian outlook on economics need not accuse me of apostasy; I am not saying that the Chancellor should recoup the "lost" £6 billion, which was partly (though only partly) caused by weak economic growth. All I am saying is that the economy is already enjoying a bigger fiscal stimulus than expected. Furthermore, there are many individuals and companies in Britain now paying substantially less in tax than Parliament had intended — and this, too, should be taken into account in designing future budgets.

If it is true, as the Treasury maintains, that new ways have been found by companies and individuals to avoid paying VAT and corporation taxes, then Gordon Brown is being perfectly logical when he says that a Labour government could raise billions of pounds in new revenues simply by closing such loopholes.

Let me give a small but telling example. A few weeks ago BAA, owner of Britain's main airports and, therefore, the nation's biggest retailer of duty-free goods, began a poster campaign with the following slogan: *If you don't want to pay VAT, then don't. To avoid paying VAT call 0800 844844.*

As it happened, I had considered buying a £700 camcorder duty-free the last time I went through Heathrow. However, I suspected that I would be guilty of smuggling if I brought it back into Britain without paying VAT. Nobody at the airport told me this, and when I saw the BAA hoardings all over London I began to suspect that perhaps I was wrong — maybe it was perfectly legal to avoid VAT whenever I travelled.

I phoned the BAA number and asked whether there was any restriction on the goods which I, as a British resident, could buy free of VAT (in fact it *is* illegal to bring duty-free goods worth more than £75 into Britain from a trip to the EU). I was told there was not. In fact, BAA would guarantee me a saving equal to the VAT on anything I bought duty-free at Heathrow. I then asked whether I would have to pay VAT when I returned to Britain. The operator said: "I don't think so, no." A BAA executive I spoke to gave me a similar answer.

That duty-free retailers should push for business as hard as the law allows is perhaps not surprising. What did surprise me was the Government's indifference to this tax-avoidance campaign. Neither Customs & Excise nor the Treasury had even noticed the BAA posters. Indeed, the British Government has always defended the scam of duty-free sales against the other governments of Europe.

BAA and the cross-channel ferries are powerful lobbyists for duty-free sales. But Tory backbenchers should remember that every time the Chancellor gives a lobbyist a tax break, he is handing out a tax cut: the same money cannot be handed out a second time as a pre-election tax bribe. So be grateful for the tax cuts the Treasury has handed out already: you can claim yours by going to the airport or hiring a good accountant.

Road to a better transport network is paved with increased investment

The CBI is today launching a new report calling for more investment in the UK's transport infrastructure. Adair Turner explains why business wants *to see more money spent* on our transport links.

Adair Turner: "Without investment we will pay later through a lower quality of life"

Recent transport policy statements by both the Government and the Labour Party have one worrying thing in common. Neither says how much needs to be invested to maintain and develop our transport network to a decent standard.

In a political climate charged by hopes of tax cuts and fears of tax rises, increasing transport investment is unpopular with any party. But in terms of business competitiveness and broader quality of life, it must be a top priority.

The CBI recognises the need for more priority to be given to public transport investment. But this should take place within an increased overall level of investment. Some road traffic growth remains inevitable and cannot be stopped just by switching resources to rail and away from roads. Potholes will not go away just because of added pressures on public spending.

The economic and environmental costs of congestion — £15 billion to £20 billion each year — will not fall without greater investment. And our ability to square the circle of environmental pressures and the needs of businesses through more environmentally sensitive road schemes, with greater use of tunnelling and other techniques, demands more investment not less.

Businesses across the UK have identified the need for urgent improvements across all transport modes. The investment proposals that the CBI is unveiling today in our report *Winning ways*, aim to tackle congestion, develop strategic corridors serving major markets, and manage some of the environmental impacts arising from transport. Over the next ten years, we believe transport infrastructure investment needs to rise to an annual average of more than £11 billion, financed by the public and private sectors. That compares with an average £8.75 billion invested each year in the past decade.

The range of business priorities for investment is wide. Improving strategic routes and networks by completing what is left of the national roads programme within 10 years is important, as equally is Railtrack's 10-year investment programme. Developing facilities at airports and ports throughout the UK, and particularly the links to these international gateways, is also vital for a country that is the world's fifth-largest importer and exporter.

But local transport improvements are also important. Greater resource is needed to improve local roads, including bus priority and cycling measures to help to encourage a shift of demand away from cars. Further progress is needed on modernising the London Underground and developing light rail systems in a number of cities (eg, Manchester).

Equally, the CBI investment priorities highlight the need to invest more in research and development of new technologies in transport — 50 per cent more, in the case of publicly funded R&D programmes. This is critical to developing new ways of making better use of the existing network and to reducing the environmental impact of transport.

In *Winning ways* we say that nearly half of the proposed investment should be allocated to maintenance and renewal of existing road and rail networks. With a quarter of our motorways and trunk roads in need of major structural repair in the next nine years, for example, the need just to bring the current infrastructure up to scratch is as important as increasing capacity. Improving the maintained quality of roads and speeding up the maintenance and repair process, are key to ensuring efficient use of the existing network.

The level of investment sought represents a 10 per cent increase on the high-water-mark year of 1992-93. We believe that this expenditure should be a high priority within public expenditure; it is more important to business competitiveness than tax cuts.

Over time, more of this will come from private-sector investment — we estimate very roughly one third — but there will still be a major role for classical public capital expenditure; and even the privately financed investment needs to be paid for by Government or by other revenue streams in the future.

We therefore recognise that there needs to be hard thinking about how to sustain the higher level of investment. Government and the private sector must establish — possibly through fiscal reform and direct charging for road use — new, dedicated revenue streams that can finance future investment.

Greater investment alone is not a solution to our transport problems. We have said quite clearly that it needs to be part of a much broader strategy, encompassing better land use, planning, the encouragement of multi-modal links and fiscal reform that sends better signals about the use of scarce resources.

But, sadly, it is politically convenient at the moment to underplay the need to invest. Without that investment we will pay later through a lower quality of life. Through increased accidents when local road safety schemes are left on the shelf. Through congestion inside and outside peak hours on stretches of the strategic road network.

Or, indeed, through the missed chances to enhance our lives by providing infrastructure that delivers more reliable bus and rail services; developing international gateways that keep this country at the centre of world culture and trade; and paying for roads that are more expensive but quieter and less visually intrusive. Not to mention the chances missed in creating jobs in the still depressed construction industry.

These are the benefits that all too often are overlooked amid the focus on simply reducing capital expenditure. Increased investment is a key to both more efficient business and a better quality of life. The sooner that point is readily understood by all parties the better. The sooner we then get on with finding new ways of paying for the investment we need, the more rapidly we can make the investments we need.

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Global Opps	68.79	73.16	- 0.28	0.55
Japan	123.90	132.50	- 0.50	
Managed Inc	47.64	50.68†	- 0.08	4.50
Mastertrust	167.40	179.00	- 0.70	0.81
US Emerging Cos	206.00	219.20	+ 0.80	..
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Conv & Gen #	72.43	77.05	- 0.42	5.13
Europe	277.40	294.10	- 4.60	0.59
Euro Smlr Cos	123.80	131.70	- 1.60	0.61
Income Gwth	371.40	395.10†	- 5.40	4.43
Japan	332.40	353.50	- 3.20	..
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Pacific	116.70	124.20	- 1.50	1.19
UK Smlr Cos	80.55	84.41	- 0.33	1.24
Japan Fd	698.20	719.40	- 6.10	
Mngd Fd	198.30	210.50	- 2.00	2.88
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	362.00	382.90	..	0.92
Capital Gwth	125.50	131.90		2.51
Wwide Opps	218.50	231.10	.	0.90
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bcl Inv Fd Inc	407.30	424.30	- 1.20	2.52
European Bd Inc	94.35	97.55†	+ 0.12	6.83
Exempt	79.23	84.48	- 0.22	3.01
Financial	95.48	102.10	- 0.10	2.75
500	513.30	560.70	- 0.90	2.38
General	313.30	335.70	- 0.70	2.62
Property	240.90	258.50†	..	6.24
Trustee	215.80	230.80†	- 0.50	2.41
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.30†	+ 0.10	4.98
Distribution #	110.60	111.10†	- 0.20	6.32
Extra Income #	132.80	142.00	- 0.30	4.91
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.84	59.87	- 0.07	8.01
Income #	576.60	616.70	- 1.40	4.77
Income Builder #	67.94	72.47	- 0.18	5.51
Intl Income	68.75	73.14†	+ 0.12	2.69
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	137.50	146.70	- 0.10	2.18
Leisure	177.50	189.80	- 0.80	0.68
Recovery	476.30	509.40	- 1.30	2.83
Smllr Cos Inc	59.12	63.40	- 0.16	2.01
Special Sits	382.20	408.80	- 1.60	0.87
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	165.70	178.10	+ 0.90	0.07
Aust Acc	275.50	293.70	+ 0.10	1.94
Aust Inc	164.80	175.70†	+ 0.10	1.94
Euro Gwth Inc	187.70	199.30	- 1.20	0.58
-do- Accum	202.70	215.20	- 1.30	0.56
Japan & Gen Inc	155.10	164.20	- 0.70	
-do- Accum	158.90	166.10	- 0.70	.
Japan Spec Sits	72.91	77.24	- 0.32	
Worldwide	195.50	207.60†	- 0.30	0.47
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	122.40	129.30	+ 1.00	
Amer Smlr Cos	156.80	168.10	- 0.10	
Convertibles	59.95	64.24†	- 0.04	4.90
Eastern	303.00	325.70	- 2.00	0.30
Equity Income	94.94	101.50	- 0.18	3.80
European Growth	364.60	387.70	- 0.20	0.80
Europe	352.70	375.90†	- 1.10	1.60
German Growth	88.59	93.87	- 0.20	0.50
Global Bond	69.16	72.76†	- 1.94	6.50
Global Growth	144.00	153.10		0.40
Japan Growth	203.00	215.50	- 1.10	
Japan Sunrise	172.90	183.80	- 0.90	
Korea Trust	70.27	76.35	- 1.87	
Portfolio	142.70	152.90	- 0.30	2.30
-do- Accum	267.20	286.30	- 0.30	2.30
UK Growth	99.13	106.90†	+ 0.20	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	97.55	106.10	- 0.20	2.50
Select Managers	87.29	94.34	- 0.13	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	89.46	95.17		
Special Oppor Inc	59.56	63.36	.	.
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6920				
Balanced Growth	135.25	144.18	- 0.50	1.38
-do- Accum	157.00	168.14	- 0.58	1.38
Smaller Cos	154.17	163.15	- 0.93	0.48
Higher Yield #	54.94	58.13†	- 0.17	3.83
American Gth Inc	92.76	98.18	+ 0.61	
European Growth	160.76	170.11	- 1.28	
-do- Accum	163.99	173.53	- 1.31	
Global Bond Inc #	26.09	27.02†	+ 0.15	6.32
Mngd Ptflo Inc	52.02	55.02	- 0.19	1.34
-do- Accum	53.62	56.71	- 0.20	1.34
Intl Spec Opps	163.05	172.54	- 0.83	
Pacific Gwth	149.68	158.39	- 0.34	
UK General #	90.73	96.01†	- 1.89	2.77
-do- Accum #	97.12	102.77	- 2.03	2.77
Japan	61.00	64.55	- 0.40	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	98.37	102.97†	- 0.18	8.64
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	65.99	66.74	+ 0.03	6.55
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	185.70	195.50†	- 0.80	1.94
UK Growth	204.50	215.30	- 0.50	2.10
UK Income	143.20	150.70	- 0.30	4.56
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	228.10	241.70	+ 0.40	1.64
-do- Income Dist	120.50	127.70	+ 0.10	3.92
-do- Accum	386.70	409.90	+ 0.20	3.92
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.00	43.08	- 0.08	6.31
Growth Units	243.00	257.80	+ 0.70	2.09
Bond	175.70	185.00	- 0.20	7.20
Intl Growth	247.48	263.10		0.18
North American	245.30	261.40	+ 0.70	0.18
Far East	307.60	329.60†	- 0.30	0.65
UK Smaller Cos	224.90	240.50†	- 0.40	0.79
European	96.19	102.00†	- 0.20	0.81
Japanese Growth	48.93	51.92	- 0.15	.
High Income	210.00	224.60	+ 0.10	4.34
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7493 Enq 0161 831 7493 Dlg 0161 831 7465				
American & Gen	213.90	226.60	+ 0.40	
European Inc	93.17	98.78	- 0.41	0.53
Smaller Cos (4-1)	107.89	114.78	.	1.45
Growth	529.70	563.00	+ 2.70	1.68
Income & Growth #	445.80	474.30	+ 0.50	4.00
-do- Accum #	668.90	701.30	+ 0.70	4.00
Japan & Gen	70.40	74.80	- 0.33	
Master Portfolio	£114.93	£118.73†	+ 5.00	2.04
-do- Accum	£141.34	£146.02	+ 7.00	2.04
Special Sits	121.90	129.30†	- 0.10	1.75
High Yield	£14.28	£14.71	+ 2.00	4.55

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	99.19	105.73†	.	2.41
American Portfolio	117.70	125.05†		0.90
European Portfolio	131.25	140.15		0.63
High Income	51.42	51.54	...	7.42
Japanese Portfolio	70.60	75.02†	- 0.30	...
Pacific Portfolio	155.48	167.19†	+ 0.06	1.42
UK Equity	95.26	101.72		3.10
UK Equity & Bd	55.96	58.28		6.47
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	738.18	749.34	...	4.39
Fxd Int Sec	153.32	153.94	...	9.29
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	731.35	742.41	...	4.49
Investment Acc	£33.33	£33.83		
Fixed Int Inc	124.53	125.03		9.28
Fixed Int Acc	221.84	222.72	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Buckmaster Intl	86.22	81.14	...	3.26
Beck Bio-Tech	43.30	46.80†	.	.
Acorn Ethical Tst	184.71	193.98†	..	0.45
City Fin Assets	78.86	82.81	- 2.57	1.58
City Fin America	114.99	120.75		.
City Fin Intl	93.58	98.25		0.45
City Fin Japan	154.27	162.00	.	
Friars Hse Cap	307.61	327.24†	- 2.83	2.28
Friars Hse Inc	196.68	209.23	- 0.01	3.61
Buckley Wrld Grth	148.53	158.50	.	..
J Sld Inc/Gth Inc	56.57	59.40†		3.32
Shaw Utilities	56.88	61.07	+ 0.22	5.96
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	58.37	61.98	- 0.13	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	77.95	82.93	+ 0.17	
Dragon Growth	72.83	77.89	- 0.03	0.36
Equity High Inc	86.74	93.01	+ 0.23	4.35
-do- Accum	123.41	132.34	+ 0.33	4.35
Extra Income Inc	26.04	27.42†	- 0.03	7.61
Extra Income Acc	28.21	29.71	- 0.04	7.61
European Gwth	61.67	65.43	- 0.29	0.93
Evergreen	32.61	34.87	- 0.15	.
General Equity	99.45	105.52	+ 0.14	3.10
Japan Growth	53.19	56.58	- 0.20	..
Pedigree Gwth	62.36	66.38	+ 0.02	2.45
Pnf Sml Cos Inc	38.03	40.46	..	1.47
-do- Accum	40.30	42.87		1.47
Retirement Inc #	26.91	28.83	+ 0.05	6.08
Special Sits	46.78	49.77	- 0.07	2.29
UK & Overseas	57.96	61.52	- 0.05	0.73
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 080				
Balanced	67.22	70.02	+ 0.16	4.10
Capital	80.11	83.44	+ 0.08	2.35
High Income	50.93	53.05†	- 0.08	7.14
Top 50	53.68	55.91	+ 0.15	2.18
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 8818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	189.52	197.42	- 0.03	4.65
Long Gilt	41.97	43.69†	- 0.12	6.42
Monthly Inc Plus	48.86	50.90	- 0.02	8.80
Preference Share	47.28	49.25†	- 0.01	8.09
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	135.69	141.34†	+ 0.03	6.04
Managed Fund	76.38	79.56	..	2.70
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	51.30	53.44	- 0.03	1.78
-do- Accum	60.63	63.16	- 0.05	1.78
UK & General	95.00	98.98	+ 0.15	2.61
-do- Accum	123.22	128.35	+ 0.19	2.61
UK Growth	186.25	194.01	+ 0.26	1.45
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	210.04	218.79	- 0.81	0.66
Far Eastern Gth	140.91	146.78	- 0.57	0.02
Global Bond	81.08	84.46	+ 0.09	5.87
Japan Growth	115.80	120.63	- 0.55	
North Amer Gth	228.24	237.75	+ 0.67	.
Oriental Growth	84.47	87.99	- 0.15	0.26
Worldwide Growth	74.10	77.19	- 0.09	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.57	92.57	+ 0.03	5.18
Homemaker Fund	90.54	95.32	+ 0.02	1.57
Quilter Fund	151.22	160.87	+ 0.39	1.94
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	36.10	38.59		3.21
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	176.20	187.40	- 1.00	1.66
Income	70.19	74.67	- 0.30	4.84
European	74.19	78.93	- 0.24	0.75
Recovery	186.60	198.80	+ 1.20	1.76
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	933.70	948.30†	.	3.55
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	110.00	117.00	- 0.20	1.11
Income #	280.80	298.70	+ 0.30	4.24
-do- Accum #	734.90	781.80	+ 0.70	4.24
Smaller Cos	232.90	247.70†	- 0.60	0.87
-do- Accum	289.20	307.60†	- 0.70	0.87
Gilt Portfolio	100.40	105.80	+ 0.10	1.59
High Inc Port #	81.33	86.52	+ 0.01	4.29
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1697.70	1758.00		
Japan Small Cos	1323.40	1349.30		
UK Small Cos	2205.40	2295.30		2.89
US Small Cos	2137.20	2179.30		0.95
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	231.30	243.50	.	2.97
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	162.30	172.60†	- 0.70	1.87
UK High Inc Inc	170.20	181.00	- 0.40	3.77
-do- Accum	229.80	244.40	- 0.60	3.77
UK Pref & F I Inc	57.99	61.52†	- 0.10	6.01
Environl Opps	97.95	104.20	- 0.30	0.96
UK Smlr Cos #	68.23	72.58	- 0.35	0.80
Extra Income Inc	48.75	51.86	- 0.04	8.13
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 080 526				
American	172.80	182.90	+ 0.30	0.44
Convertibles #	22.35	23.75†	- 0.01	5.89
Equity Income #	138.90	147.60†	+ 0.10	4.07
EuroFund	62.41	66.04	- 0.55	0.81
Financial	53.68	57.04	- 0.16	1.58
Growth & Inc #	282.10	299.70		2.82
High Dist #	174.10	185.00	.	4.27
International	443.50	471.20	- 2.20	0.11
Intl Cap Inc	104.20	111.20†	- 0.10	2.43
Latin American	32.93	34.98	- 0.08	.
Pacific	86.01	91.39	- 0.07	
Pref High Inc	21.64	22.99†		7.83
Tokyo	234.60	248.70	- 0.80	.
UK Smaller Cos	261.30	277.60	- 0.80	1.08
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	330.10	348.90	- 1.50	1.03
New Asia	238.20	253.90	- 3.40	0.23
Japan Growth	114.40	121.80	- 0.90	..
Jap Smlr Co	483.80	515.50	- 5.60	..
Nth Amer	397.80	420.60†	+ 0.50	0.70
UK Inc & Grth	240.40	257.50	+ 0.20	2.88
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Digs	115.03	123.03	- 0.17	1.20
Growth Acc	251.10	267.99	- 5.18	0.39
Income	607.20	641.83	- 2.74	4.92
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	226.40	240.90	.	0.93
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	90.24	94.99†	- 0.57	2.03
Ethical Tst	47.05	49.53	- 0.40	0.83
Far Eastern	313.19	329.67†	- 0.94	1.48
High Income	133.80	140.84	- 0.75	5.09
UK Index Trckng	48.34	50.88	- 0.28	3.32
Intl Growth	146.51	154.22	- 0.57	0.32
North American	142.00	149.47	- 0.76	1.73
Pelican	134.29	141.36	- 0.80	3.27
Smaller Cos	71.45	75.21†	+ 0.01	2.98
Special Sits	94.09	99.04	- 0.07	2.54
Tst of Inv Tsts	212.70	223.89	- 0.73	1.21
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5866				
Smaller Cos Inc	235.79	250.83	+ 0.44	1.48
Smaller Cos Acc	420.19	447.01	+ 0.79	1.48
Recovery	59.33	63.12†	+ 0.07	1.68
Recovery Acc	61.30	65.21†	+ 0.06	1.68
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	87.04	93.34	- 0.09	
Fd of Inv Tsts	51.18	54.59†	- 0.17	0.53
High Income #	37.48	40.15†	- 0.03	11.46
Warrant	49.65	53.97	- 0.22	
Zero Preference	42.67	45.27†	+ 0.02	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	88.91	94.58†	- 0.21	2.52
United Charities	305.10	324.50	- 0.80	2.24
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.30
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.64	27.72†	- 0.05	7.21
Intl Bond	28.80	29.66	+ 0.02	5.62
Income Funds				
High Income	25.88	27.19†	- 0.01	5.67
Income Plus	125.80	133.80	- 0.10	4.11
Amer Eq Inc	60.75	64.39	+ 0.09	0.29
European Income	49.19	52.32	- 0.17	2.60
Far East Inc	66.13	70.49	- 0.31	0.81
Global Convertible	25.44	27.07	- 0.03	2.58
UK Dn Gth	30.35	32.28	+ 0.01	2.32
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	68.17	72.72	- 0.45	
American	304.90	323.00	+ 1.20	0.13
Amer Spec Sits	178.40	190.80	- 0.60	
Japan Smaller Cos	37.83	40.34	- 0.30	
European	222.80	237.00	- 1.80	0.57
European Opps	79.27	84.29	- 0.30	0.02
Global Prv	30.57	32.51	- 0.04	0.35
UK Growth	119.40	127.00	- 0.20	1.12
Growth & Inc	170.20	181.00†	- 0.10	2.56
Intl PEP	46.02	48.94†	- 0.03	1.12
Japan Spec Sits	94.60	100.70	- 0.60	
Japan	186.70	198.20	- 1.20	
Managed Intl	338.80	359.80	- 0.10	0.52
Moneybuilder	66.49	70.70†	- 0.17	
Recovery	61.30	65.18	- 0.10	1.66
South E Asia	179.70	191.20	- 0.70	1.01
Special Sits	720.70	766.30	- 1.70	0.00
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	114.99	114.99	+ 0.04	5.30
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	151.10	153.90		1.73
Inc Ptflo #	91.82	93.47	+ 0.10	3.20
Cap Ptflo	160.70	163.40	+ 0.40	0.99
General Opps	139.60	141.20		3.78
Growth Inc	36.53	37.26	+ 0.09	0.96
Private Portfolio	491.40	500.40	.	1.06
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Small Cos	151.00	160.60	- 0.90	0.31
Emerg Asian	153.70	166.20	- 2.40	.
High Income	21.44	22.79†	+ 0.05	9.87
UK Income	109.20	116.60	+ 0.20	4.29
US Smaller Cos	420.00	447.60	- 0.40	.

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
151	109	Adwest	123		7.9	35.1
295	265	Airflow Streamt	272		4.1	7.3
677	473	Avon Rubbert	673	- 1	3.4	16.4
92	57½	BSG	87½	- ½	4.6	16.0
353	273	Bostrom	331		2.5	14.6
29	19	Boustead	19		6.8	
307	175	ERF	289	- 3	2.0	
515	431	[illegible] Tech	500		1.8	17.9
1044	778	GKN	1041	- 3	2.9	19.0
3800	3112½	General Mtr	3112½	- 21¾	3.9	
669	497	Hardys	653	- 3	2.3	19.2
1758¾	1312½	Honda Motor	1592¾	+ 21¼	0.5	
502	386	Laird	465		3.2	13.5
465	425	[illegible]	465		0.3	
256	172	Lucas	220	- 4	4.1	28.8
130½	91	Mayflower	104	- 2	2.4	41.2
193	145	Syltone	188		3.5	
187	132	T & N	132	- 5	5.7	8.4
433	351	Trinity Hldgs	359		2.9	17.5

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3500¾	1637	Brit Biotech▲	2040	- 18		
715	340	Cantab Pharms	620			
693	473½	Celltech	545	+ 1		
588	224	Chiroscience	337	- 9		
447	166	Cortecs	280	- 1		
969	767	Glaxo Wellcome	874	- 2	4.3	17.7
286	208	Medeva	238	- 1	2.1	14.1
248	198	Peptide Thera	210			
808	524	Scotia	715	- 32		
266	183	Shire Pharms	237	+ 4		
96	75	SkyePharma	75¾	- 3½		
727½	628½	SmithBeecht	695	- 10	2.7	19.0
633	535	Vanguard	535			
1474	1216	Zeneca	1419	- 8	2.7	22.9

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1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
155	130	AG Holdings	154		4.7	12.8
685	547	API	675		1.9	22.4
140	91	App Holo	116			
217	164	Arjo Wiggins	179	- 4	5.3	35.9
295	193	Aspen Comm©	196		4.0	11.3
397	349	Bemrose	349	- 2	5.1	10.5
173	138	Bogden	168	- 1	1.2	26.8
2725	2166½	Bowater Inc	2403¼	- 31¼		
315	209½	Boxmore Intl	264	- 16	1.2	23.1
770	645	Br Polythene	729	- 1	2.8	15.4
38	16	Br Thornton	22			
168	141	Britton Grp	141	- 1	2.7	12.8
243	191	Bunzl	227½	- ½	3.2	14.8
210	173	Capital Inds	178		3.7	11.6
397	279	Cropper (James)	328		1.5	25.7
755	579	De La Rue	610		4.9	14.4
95	73	Delyn Groupt	75		3.3	12.0
172	131	Dolphin Pack	166		3.9	18.0
103	86	Fairway Group	102	- 1	4.7	17.5
257	190	Ferguson Intl	234		7.1	12.4
275	223	Filofax	265		1.6	16.4
177	112	Inveresk	142		5.2	12.6
310	241	Jarvis Porter	242	- 1	3.5	12.1
570	459	Low & Bonar	524	- 1	3.3	14.4
105	66	MY Holdings	92	- 1	2.9	17.9
263	215	Macfarlane	232	- 8	2.1	19.8
134	112	Nobo Gp	117		6.6	9.1
404	324	Photobition	380	+ 6	2.2	
201	162	Plysu	165		5.6	17.1
41	32	Porter Chadburn	36			13.2
410	325	REXAM	356		5.0	14.3
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320	254	Smith David	291	+ 2	2.9	9.9
184	147	Smurfit (Jeff)	171	- 1	3.0	
79	74	Sonicf	77		4.9	9.1
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188	45	Finacrest	68			29.0
35½	14	Freepages	35	+ ½		
117	92	Megalomedia	94	- 3		
475	56	Memory Corp	58	- 2		
154	80	Old English Pubs	130	- 2	1.0	54.2
446	362	Pet City	365	+ 3		
585	524	Southern News	525	- 2	3.8	13.8
68	50	Southern Vecta	68			
315	122	Surrey Fr Inns	277	- 3	0.8	32.6
75	46	Trocadero	72	- 1		

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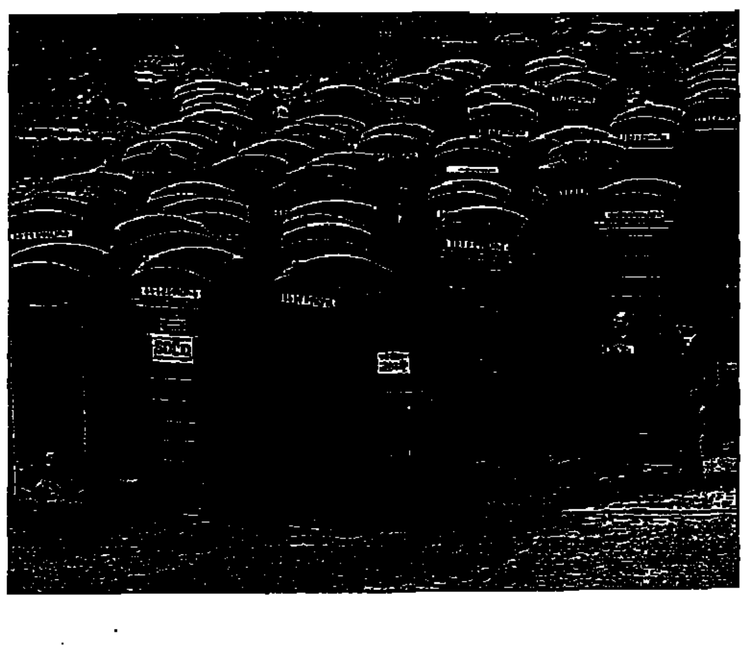

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A nurse confronts violence in BBC1's *Casualty*: how far could accident and emergency departments go to tell the police about criminal behaviour?

The casualty criminals

Behind the dry statistics of casualty departments lie many cases of uninvestigated crime, says **Jonathan Shepherd**

The existence of unrecorded crime has been acknowledged since the first British crime survey was published in 1983. It is also almost ten years since my research group, by studying victims treated in casualty departments, confirmed the extent of unrecorded violence. The police record only about a quarter of those seriously injured enough to need hospital treatment. Yet, apart from a determined effort by Victim Support to educate doctors about the effects of crime, virtually nothing has changed in the way that casualty, often now accident and emergency, departments interact with the criminal justice system.

It is a continuing source of frustration for surgeons who treat patients with serious face injuries that more offences are not recorded or investigated. In a wider context, it is symptomatic of separately focused medical and legal perspectives that the journal *Criminal Behaviour & Mental Health* declared that "casualty departments are largely black holes into which victims are drawn, to be regurgitated back to their homes and communities without any attempt at prevention, protection, or support, or the apprehension and *conviction of their assailants*, who remain at liberty to inflict further physical and psychological harm".

The only code of practice for casualty-police interaction relates not to the larger problem of unreported offences but simply to responses to police requests for information.

On the casualty department side, research has found some astonishingly judgmental attitudes; for example, that the injured are largely responsible for their own injuries, and that anyone hurt after drinking alcohol should be made to pay for their treatment.

These beliefs are not just held only by some coal-face casualty doctors. During a recent discussion about ways in which joint working might be improved, one consultant felt it was unethical to report serious violence on the ground that victims would be "*shopped*". He assumed that most were injured while breaking the law.

Uncertainty about roles also plays a part. Is it reasonable for the police to hang around the casualty department on the off-chance that a troublemaker or victim will turn up? Isn't it a mistake to risk breaching confidentiality by passing on information about the injured? Is it any part of the role of a health professional to prevent his or *her patient being injured* again by trying to get an offence investigated?

> These areas are largely black holes in crime prevention

It is often assumed that casualty departments are so busy that no time is available for inter-agency liaison about individual patients. But research shows that casualty staff very rarely cite lack of time as a reason. It is impossible to justify lack of liaison in relation to child protection.

On both sides of the Atlantic, violence and the fear of violence has assumed such importance that it is surprising that formal casualty department/criminal justice joint working has not been considered before. Though only about 5 per cent of new patients who attend casualty departments have been injured in violent crimes — just over 3,000 a year in the casualty department through which my own patients come — every one provides an opportunity for supporting the victim and preventing future crime.

To bring agencies together, I propose five reforms. First, a code of practice in relation to the reporting of serious violence by casualty department staff, without the victim's consent in some circumstances, for example if the victim is unconscious or if a firearm has been used. The Dunblane inquiry is an excellent opportunity to recommend that all firearm *injuries of people who go to* casualty departments are investigated by the police. Illegal gun ownership is known to be a serious problem: here is a new way to help to detect illegal use.

Second, victims attending casualty departments should be encouraged to report offences if this is in their medical interests; for example, if there is a risk of further physical or psychological harm. All victims should be given the opportunity to report offences to the police at the earliest time. Third, casualty departments should be integrated into community crime-prevention schemes by the universal appointment of police liaison officers and by making available on a regular basis anonymous casualty information about violence in particular locations such as bars or certain streets.

Fourth, formal links between victim-support organisations and large casualty departments should be established in the same way as Crown Court witness-support schemes have been developed.

Services for this group of patients are rarely available, although psychological and social support is important. Because mental health resources would soon be overwhelmed if victims were referred in any number, a partnership between the voluntary sector and the National Health Service should be formed. Health authorities and social services are now able to buy this support in the *same way as, for example,* chaplaincy services.

Fifth, casualty department computers should be standardised and networked, with the proper safeguarding of confidential information, to produce an annual report on violence to complement the British Crime Survey. This could also be an important, and inexpensive way of measuring the effects of crime-prevention schemes. Assessments by Crime Concern, the national crime-prevention organisation, of crime risk would be greatly strengthened if casualty data were included.

In a *recent four-month* assessment of city-centre crime in Cardiff, Crime Concern identified only 125 recorded street assaults, whereas 448 people who had been assaulted in the same locations during the same period attended the casualty department for treatment. Such reforms would need careful planning and, like child protection, should be developed on a sound legal and ethical framework. There is no doubt that some people are injured while committing criminal offences and that all the circumstances of assaults rarely emerge during a casualty department consultation.

But there is still much to gain by illuminating this dark corner of unrecorded crime.

● *The author is Professor of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Wales College of Medicine in Cardiff.*

Lawyers will be the real winners

The European Court of Justice decided in the *Francovich* case in 1991 that a member state could be liable in damages for a breach of European law which caused loss to an individual. In three recent cases, the court has attempted to identify more precisely the circumstances in which damages may be awarded. But it has produced a confusing set of conflicting principles that pose more questions than they answer.

In *Francovich*, the Italian Republic failed to implement a directive on the protection of employees on the insolvency of an employer. The court stated that there was a "right to reparation" if a directive is intended to confer individual rights, the content of which can be identified in the text, and if there is a causal link between the breach of the directive and the damage suffered by the injured party.

This statement of principle caused great concern to many member states. Some directives are — to put it politely — difficult to interpret, and the failure of a state to arrive at the correct answer may not involve any fault on its part. To impose liability in damages might deter states from agreeing to draft directives, and could inhibit policy-making.

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The European Court was made aware of such concerns in the written and oral submissions of member states in the recent litigation. In March, the court decided two joined cases. In *Brasserie du Pêcheur*, a French brewing company established that a German law about the purity of beer breached Article 30 of the EU *treaty on free movement of* goods. The linked case, *Factortame (No 4)*, concerned a breach by the United Kingdom of Article 52 of the treaty (on freedom of establishment) by reason of the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988.

The court said that, by contrast with *Francovich*, it was here dealing with cases in which a member state had a wide discretion. For that reason, there could be a liability in damages only when the rule of law infringed was intended to confer rights on individuals, when the breach is "sufficiently serious", and when there was a "direct causal link" between the breach and the damage. This analysis sensibly limited liability for a breach of the treaty by imposing a test of fault in the adoption of the "sufficiently serious" criterion. However, the court implied that damages would be easier to obtain when there is a breach of European Union law in a context where a specific obligation is imposed on a member state.

It was, then, somewhat surprising that three weeks later, in *R v HM Treasury ex parte British Telecommunications plc*, the court applied the same criteria on damages to a case concerning a breach of a directive in respect of which (on the court's own interpretation) member states had no discretion, but a specific duty. The judgment in *BT* makes no sense other than on the basis that all directives confer a discretion on member states in some respects, even if not in respect of the provision which has been breached. But if that is the principle, it would conflict with the reasoning in *Brasserie du Pêcheur*; in particular, its explanation of the *Francovich* decision.

The problems have been exacerbated by the latest judgment of the court on damages, delivered in May, in *R v MAFF ex parte Hedley Lomas (Ireland) Ltd*. The United Kingdom acted in breach of Article 34 of the treaty by banning the export of live animals to Spain because of concern about the conditions in Spanish slaughterhouses. The court said that the *Brasserie du Pêcheur* criteria applied, even though this was not a case where the member state enjoyed a discretion. However, it added that where, at the time when it committed the infringement, "the member state was not called upon to make any legislative choices and had only considerably reduced, or even no, discretion, the mere infringement of community law may be sufficient to establish the existence of a sufficiently serious breach."

This conflicts with both *BT*, and with *Brasserie du Pêcheur*. In those cases the court had rightly made the application of the "sufficiently serious" criterion substantially dependent on *the member state's fault in* failing to understand the limits on its powers. Now we are told that the criterion of a "sufficiently serious breach" can depend on the technical question of whether the state was acting in an area in which (on the findings of the court) it had no discretion at all.

On an issue of fundamental importance to the community legal order, the court has produced three recent judgments which cannot be reconciled, and from which it is impossible to derive a coherent statement of principle. At the forthcoming inter-governmental conference, the United Kingdom is entitled to point to this as one example (there are others) of the need for reform of the court's procedures.

So long as the court continues to give one judgment of all the judges, and prohibits concurring and dissenting opinions, it will produce committee conclusions that evade difficult issues. The only beneficiaries will be lawyers.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

INS AND OUTS

Pot luck in print

A MAGISTRATE has gone on the record admitting that he has smoked cannabis. A debate has raged within the Magistrates' Association since a *Panorama* programme in March featured an anonymous magistrate who said that he regularly "smoked".

Letters and articles in *The Magistrate* calling for the magistrate's resignation have been tempered, in the latest issue, by a letter from Mark Bunyan, a London JP, who says he experimented with cannabis at university, thinks that legalisation "would seem a positive move" and argues that his presence on the Bench represents a "force for balance".

"I am often confronted," he says, "with driving colleagues who *wish to take a more* lenient view than mine of some minor infraction or who will admit, usually with a degree of naughty schoolboy/girl humour, to having jumped a red light or been guilty of speeding." Such "minor" infractions can, he adds, lead to death.

New leaders

HARDEEP NAHAL, a solicitor with Herbert Smith, is the African, Caribbean and Asian Lawyers' Group's new chairman. The group of 700 lawyers and law students was commended recently under the Equal Opportunities Award sponsored by the Law Society, the Equal Opportunities Commission and *The Times*. Paul Verlander of Buchanan & Llewellyn in Dorset is the new chairman of the Law Society's Young Solicitors' Group.

Hardeep Nahal: chairman

● *THE NEW* International Who's Who *has a star-studded legal cast among its politicians, sportsmen and film stars. Yet, strangely, it has taken Lord Hoffmann, a new law lord, until this year to secure a mention. Richard Fitzwilliams, the editor, says: "Quite often it is because judges have not bothered to return the form."*

Question of trust

WHERE have all the old professional ethics gone? A new guide for solicitors thinking of taking a partnership suggests that they ask: Could you trust your potential partners?

Would-be partners are entitled to some straight answers to some tough questions about the health of the partnership, argues *Tolley's Professional Partnership Handbook*, published by Smith & Williamson, chartered accountants. The book cautions: "In some firms, it may be wiser to remain a salaried partner or even a well-paid employee than to take on the responsibility of equity partnership."

Turf trips

THE Kempton race meeting last week had a distinctly legal flavour. Michael Pescod, Slaughter & May's corporate partner, had a bad day as his horse, Palamon, languished in the middle of the field.

It was not much better for the staff *of Practical Law for Companies*. Mr Pescod is on the magazine's editorial board, so they rashly put their summer party's slush fund to back his horse for a win. But Ray Tooth, the senior partner with Sears Tooth, a London firm, saved the day when his horse, Law Permission, won the fifth race at 4-1.

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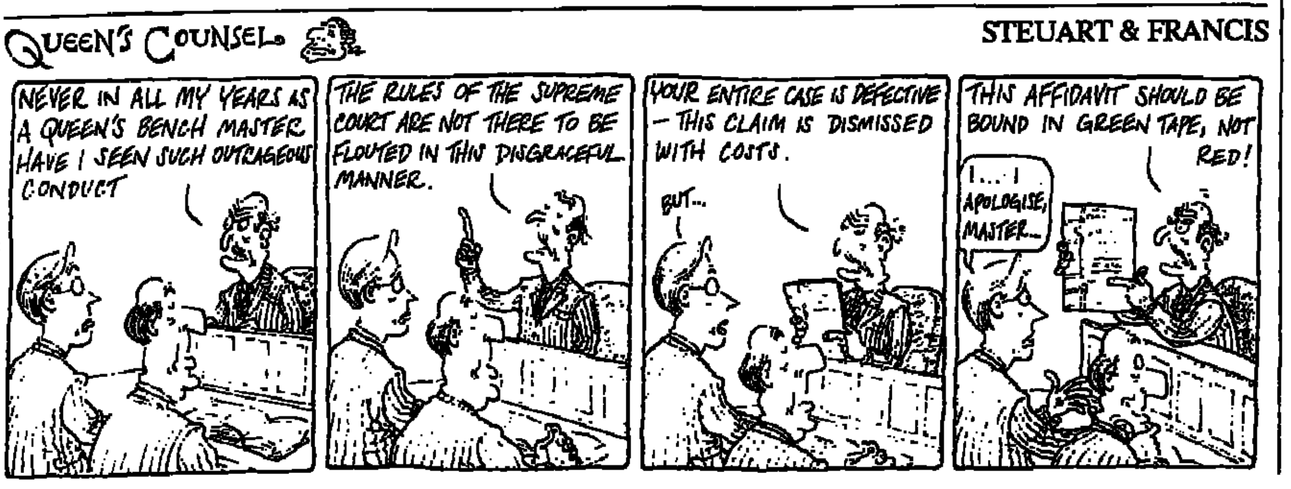
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James D. Zirin reports on America's continuing debate on the workings of its judiciary

Judges who dip into politics

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, last week advised against a Bill of Rights in Britain. There was a danger, he said, that it would draw British judges into making decisions of a far more political nature. And it would require a change in how they are appointed, making their political standpoint as important as their judging ability and leading to the kind of political scrutiny of appointments seen in America.

As the US presidential campaign heats up, candidates continue to debate the state of the federal judiciary. Of the nine members of the Supreme Court, two are aged over 70 and two have had bouts of cancer. Through the exercise of his appointive power, the President elected in November could profoundly influence the court's direction for the next two decades. Thus, both Mr Dole and Mr Clinton have attacked judges who made unpopular decisions, hinting that a major campaign issue is: what's wrong with our American legal system — and its judges?

The political debate should be a healthy one. Judges are also public officials who should not be immune from criticism. But many fear that the rash of invective to which judges have been subjected could have a destructive effect on the independence of the judiciary.

The issue was joined last January in New York in the courtroom of Harold Baer, Jr, a respected federal judge and former New York State trial judge and prosecuting attorney. The prosecution sought to have evidence suppressed on the ground that it was illegally obtained.

The court heard that at 5am in a section of the city described by a veteran police officer as the "hub of the drug trade", plain-clothes police officers saw a middle-aged woman slowly driving an Alamo rental car with Michigan licence plates. The woman stopped and double-parked. Four men walking in single file approached the car from the opposite side of the street. Without a word to the men, the woman released the boot. One man lifted it open, the second and third placed large duffel bags inside and the fourth closed it.

According to police testimony, the woman drove to the corner and stopped at a red light. The officers followed. At the red light, the four men exchanged glances with the pursuing police officers and quickly went their separate ways.

The light changed to green, and she travelled for about two blocks before the officers pulled her over. Asked the contents of the boot, she replied: "I don't know." They requested the keys and found the bags, which contained 34kg of cocaine and 2kg of heroin with a street value of more than $1 million.

Under the law, the officers were entitled to stop the woman only on "a reasonable suspicion supported by articulable facts" that criminal activity "may be afoot".

Judge Baer refused to find that what the officers observed amounted to "reasonable suspicion". He held that the mere presence of an individual at 5am in a neighbourhood known for its drug activity was not suspicious. Nor was the fact that an out-of-state licensed car double-parked at such a time and place appeared suspicious.

Flight has for centuries been regarded as evidence of guilt. But the court found nothing suspicious in the bizarre conduct of the men walking to the car single file, depositing bags in the boot without conversing with its driver and scurrying off at the sight of police. The judge rejected the testimony of one officer that there was something suspicious in flight. He rationalised that "residents in this neighbourhood tended to regard police officers as corrupt, abusive and violent", an attitude that rendered the flight above suspicion.

President Clinton and Republican presidential hopeful Bob Dole: both criticised decisions of judges

In suppressing the evidence, Judge Baer applied well-established Supreme Court rules that require illegally obtained evidence to be excluded. But his decision provoked a storm of political controversy. Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, and Senator Bob Dole called for his removal. President Clinton, who had "named" Judge Baer to the Bench, demanded his resignation, only to withdraw the demand after realising that he was no more entitled to demand the resignation than Judge Baer was entitled to demand his. All three politicians apparently ignored the constitutional provision that federal judges "shall hold their Offices during good Behaviour", which has classically been construed to mean "for life", and can be removed only by impeachment. The constitution is conspicuously silent about decisions that might displease the politicians of the day.

In the wake of the controversy, Judge Baer held a new hearing, and after some new evidence, reversed himself. The dramatic about-face touched off new charges, heatedly denied, that Judge Baer had only bowed to political pressure. Later, when the case was assigned to another judge, the woman pleaded guilty but reserved her right to appeal against Judge Baer's ruling.

Judicial deference to political pressure is not new in America. When the Supreme Court, in a series of 5-4 decisions in the 1930s, struck down the National Recovery Act, as well as other measures in Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal pantheon, the President proposed legislation that would give him an extra appointment for each member of the court aged over 70 years who did not retire within six months. Confronting the clear and present danger to its composition, the court shifted its position and upheld several other New Deal measures — also by 5-4.

After a recent spate of apparently irrational decisions by some New York judges prompted fresh political controversy, Chief Judge Judith Kaye of the New York Court of Appeals expressed "grave concern" about the "tone, frequency and volume" of criticism recently levelled at the courts by some political figures and said that she would defend the courts' traditional role as the guardians of sacred rights. And three federal appellate judges, in an unprecedented move, denounced Judge Baer's critics as forces tending to undermine the independence of the federal judiciary.

The shibboleth of "judicial independence", however, must not throttle all debate. For, as Justice Thurgood Marshall observed, the only real source of power that a judge can tap is the "respect of the people".

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What future for the professionals?

An annual survey makes helpful suggestions for law firms' futures

There was a neat coincidence last week between the Law Society elections and the publication of the annual Coopers & Lybrand survey of financial management by law firms. Both focused on the imperilled future of the legal professional. Yet the issues being addressed were almost on different planets.

The Law Society's problems have been characterised as centring on its conflicting dual role both as regulator and as a quasi trade union. However, Coopers & Lybrand reports that the real way to a better future for law firms is for them to become more commercial enterprises.

Success for many law firms, says Coopers & Lybrand, now depends on their ability to attract more work through marketing and then to perform it more cost-effectively, using modern methods and quality systems (echoes of the messages put out by the Law Society before the Martin Mears revolution).

It means that lawyers must move decisively away from the traditional trappings of their profession. The legal processes must be "re-engineered"; lawyers must be clear about what they are trying to produce for their clients and to rethink from scratch the most efficient way of producing it. And that means big changes.

Steve McBride, the finance director of Hammond Suddards, is one of the keenest advocates of this approach. He is adamant that the old conventions must be stripped away. He says: "It is no longer realistic for solicitors to expect to have large offices or secretaries to themselves. Given the costs of rentals, lawyers must be able to work from cubby holes and to use information technology to do for themselves what secretaries used to undertake."

Similar issues are on the mind of Peter Wignall, the chief executive of Ward Hadaway, which is now recognised as one of the North East's growing legal forces.

Having grown from a staff of 60 in 1989, the Newcastle firm expects to be nudging 200 by the end of this year to follow the path of Dibb Lupton Broomhead and the other big regional firms now recognised on the national scene.

Mr Wignall, who is not a lawyer but a former Marks & Spencer manager, said, when asked the difference between managing a law firm and an M & S branch, that the principles are similar. "The goods sold may be different," he says, "but the processes and practices we operate by are much the same."

Now that the firm is about to move into new premises, Mr Wignall is also acutely conscious of the need for cost-efficient space. He says: "We are ensuring that we have the facilities for people to work from home and to make full use of IT." By achieving its space goal, Ward Hadaway must be among the most efficient of the top 20 per cent of law firms in the country. But almost half the firms surveyed by Coopers & Lybrand are still giving fee-earners more than 300 sq ft each. This is clearly a tremendous drain on resources.

The small niche firms can still be very profitable

According to the survey, it is the medium-size firms that are really suffering. Small niche firms can still be very profitable, as can the very biggest firms with a healthy corporate base and the management techniques to maximise their effectiveness.

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Cutting mankind up to size

When **Stephan Balkenhol**'s *Figure on a Buoy* was marooned in the Thames during the winter of 1992, a passer-by leaped into the icy water to save him from suicide. Seen from the bank, the distant wood effigy of a man in nondescript clothes appeared uncannily lifelike. But the would-be rescuer must have felt very foolish when he discovered, close-to, just how rough and simplified Balkenhol's carving really was.

As his exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery testifies, Balkenhol has no interest in deceptive illusionism. The marks made by his blade are left exposed on the methodically hewn surface of his sculpture. Although he paints these heads and figures, the colour is applied brusquely and does not hide the rawness of the wood beneath. In this respect, he displays a kinship with the German sculptors who revitalised a distinguished national tradition of wood carving early in the 20th century. Ernst Ludwig Kirchner and his allies adopted a deliberately "primitive" approach, cutting with such vehemence that their sculpture still looks rasping.

The wild spirit of Expressionism lingers today, above all in the gouged and daubed figures carved by the uninhibited Georg Baselitz. But Balkenhol distances himself from naked emotionalism. The most distinctive and tantalising aspect of his work lies in its refusal to convey strong feeling. Devoid of passion, the men and women he carves are united by their deadpan air. Arms dangling passively by their sides, they seem incapable of indulging in eruptive gestures. They belong to an everyday, matter-of-fact world, where nobody would dream of rebelling against normal codes of behaviour.

Even when Balkenhol produces a colossal head, he does not invest it with heroic significance. Rearing to a height of nearly 12 ft from the middle of the Saatchi's largest space, *Head of a Man* looks utterly impassive. There is something stubborn about his sheer ordinariness, as if Balkenhol was determined to produce an antidote to all those spurious statues of demagogues that once loomed over public spaces in Germany.

In his sculpture, towering size offers no guarantee of invincibility. *Large Man* rises almost 11ft from the floor, and is chiselled out of the same tree-trunk which provides an ample base for his feet. He leans at an unstable angle, though, like someone recoiling from a threat. And, as we move around this supposed titan, his body becomes thinner. The substance he displays from the front shrinks, at the side, to a far more vulnerable attenuation.

Balkenhol likes to confound our first impressions by exploiting sculpture's capacity for change. *Large Male Head Relief* appears composed enough, sheltering within its unchiselled and projecting poplar surround. Seen from the right, however, the face buckles and contorts, ending up trapped by its wood container rather than nestling there. Near by, the bland normality of *Man with Green Shirt* suddenly loses its reassuring sense of wholeness: at the back, Balkenhol has sliced off his shoulders in a surprisingly drastic manner. As for *Double Identity Figure*, both he and his "reflection" turn out to be desperately thin from the side. They look like shooting targets at a funfair, and the "reflected" figure is pierced by a bullet-shaped hole where his navel should be.

> ‘They belong to a world where nobody would dream of rebelling’

The longer I stayed in this exhibition, the more unsettling it became. Three lifesize female nudes, standing on tall plinths each painted a contrasting colour, initially seem unexceptional to the point of outright dullness. But, as I moved among them, deep cracks became noticeable. Dark fissures ran down the back of one woman, while another crack travelled between the breasts of another. Whether or not they are simply faults in the wood, Balkenhol's unwillingness to hide them says a great deal about his interest in the understated exposure of infirmity.

Some of the exhibits are playful, and they show the sculptor at his weakest. One carving, of a doll-size man wrapping his limbs around a giraffe's neck, looks merely whimsical. And the circular convocation of bears perched on tall columns of lignum vitae seem ingratiatingly twee. They are unworthy of the man who is able, in another carving called *Harlequin*, to invest the simplest movement with a surprising amount of disquiet. The man's diamond-patterned shirt may look festive enough, but he gazes upwards and askance, like an animal sniffing the air for a scent of danger. In common with most of Balkenhol's figures, he resembles a bystander rather than someone capable of commanding and deserving centre-stage attention. All the same, his innate dignity and poise should not be underestimated.

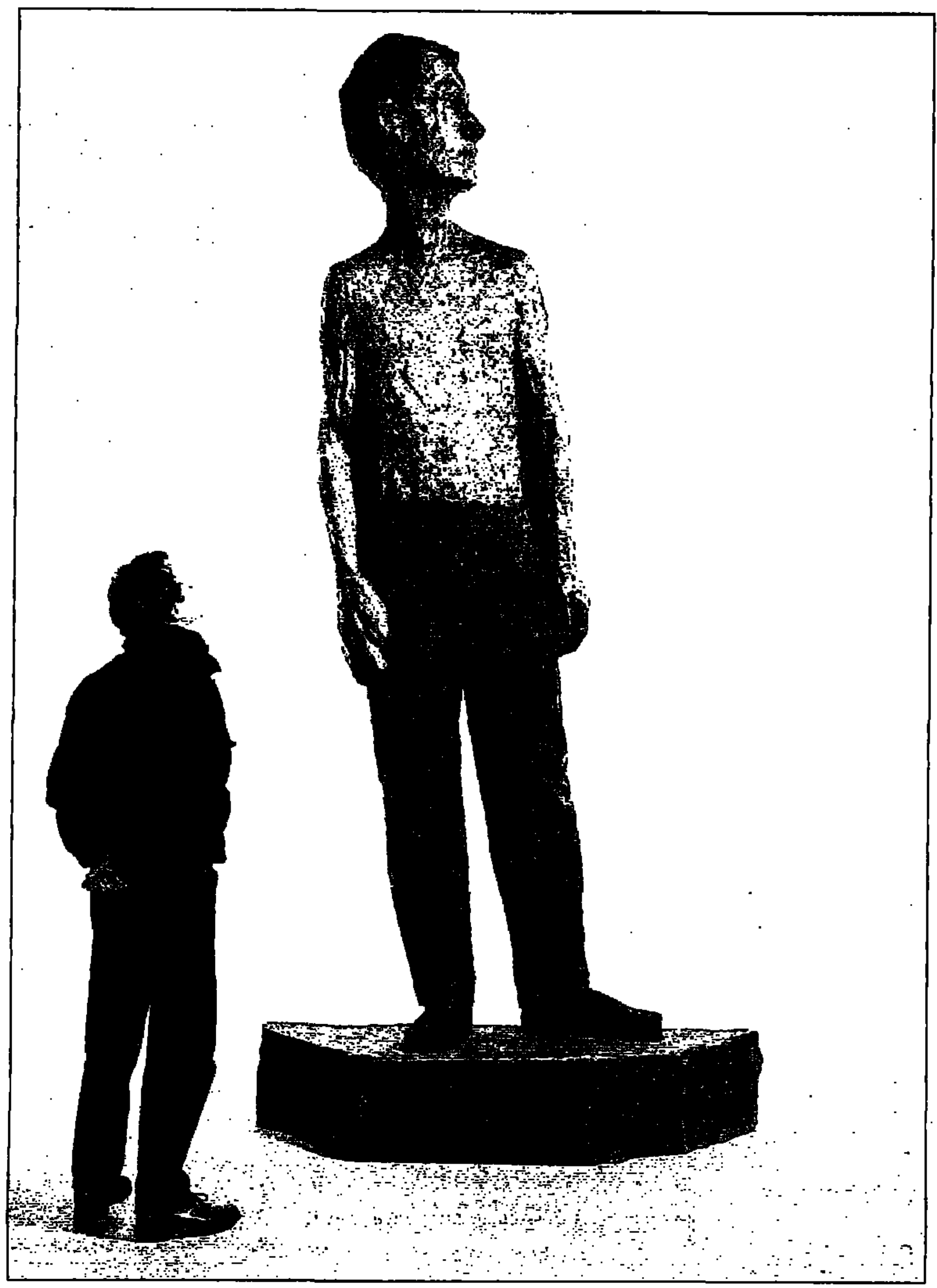
The first time I saw **Michael Landy's** ambitious installation, *Scrapheap Services*, it occupied the decaying interior of the derelict Electric Press Building in Leeds. Now it has moved to the hygienic whiteness of the Chisenhale Gallery in east London, where the surroundings emphasise the clinical efficiency of the event he dramatises. The gallery floor is littered with a multitude of tiny figures, cut from discarded crisp packets, hamburger cartons or beer cans. But the employees of Scrapheap Services, a make-believe cleaning company founded by Landy a couple of years ago, are on hand to clear the mess away.

The red-uniformed mannequins are silent as they spike, shovel or sweep their way through the detritus. A smoothly persuasive video is on hand, however, with a purring voice of welcome and explanation. Scrapheap Services is, apparently, "the cleaning company that cares because you don't". Without a trace of genuine concern, the voice observes that "a prosperous society depends upon a minority of people being discarded". But the tone becomes principled when he asks: "Why put up with unsightly people who are such a burden on your resources, when you can turn to the Scrapheap Services people-control range of products?"

With the identical nylon-suited disposers at hand, nobody need fear being overwhelmed by these diminutive victims. However they may besmirch the Chisenhale's immaculate white floor, their unwanted bodies will soon be gathered, bagged and consigned to the equally red "purpose-built people shredder", dominating the room like a callous, hideously enlarged predator. Landy calls it the Vulture, and ensures that the machine's implacable presence gives the entire tableau a chilling air. The impersonal cleaners, with their corporate clothes and logo-decorated implements, are the anonymous servants of a system whose leaders care more about downsizing than people. Unsightliness is the only fault they can find in unemployment, and the pulverising Vulture can be relied on to reduce all the redundant figures to a state of invisibility.

But not just yet. Landy opts for the moment before the final sweep-up, when the embarrassing jobless thousands still defile the ground. Their heaped-up proliferation is the most disturbing feature of the installation, largely because Landy cut each one from rubbish he salvaged from takeaways and recycling centres. The extraordinary patience and devotion that went into the figures' individual shaping became clear when I examined them closely, and it made their disposability far more melancholy. The wastefulness of the whole operation hangs over Landy's elaborate enterprise, making a nonsense of the video's smooth-tongued sales-talk and ensuring that *Scrapheap Services* will remain a glacial parable for our times.

● Stephan Balkenhol *is at the Saatchi Gallery (0171-328 8299) and* Scrapheap Services *at the Chisenhale Gallery (0181-981 4518), both until July 28*



"The substance *Large Man* displays from the front shrinks, at the side, to a vulnerable attenuation"

A breath of French air

John Russell Taylor on *Boudin to Dufy* in Southampton

Whether or not poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world, there seems little doubt that the arts are frequently far ahead of politics in the absorption of new ideas. While political Britain still teeters on the brink of Europe, our south coast towns have embraced their opposite numbers in France with overwhelming enthusiasm. The latest manifestation of togetherness is *Boudin to Dufy* at Southampton City Art Gallery.

This is a selection of paintings from the collection of the Musée des Beaux Arts in Le Havre, Southampton's twin town, mostly by painters who came from, lived or worked in and around Le Havre. The most famous is undoubtedly Monet, who was born in Paris but brought up and took his first steps towards art in Le Havre, as well as painting there the picture that gave the Impressionists their name. That notorious *Impression* belongs to the Musée Marmottan, so is not present in Southampton, but there is a fascinating Monet of the old Musée des Beaux Arts.

If Monet is the most famous of the painters represented, Boudin is undoubtedly the star. Boudin it was who first spotted talent in the lively but conventional caricatures from which the teenage Monet made pocket money, and persuaded him to try his hand at painting. The Le Havre museum has the largest collection of Boudin's work in the world, and has sent a dozen of the best to this show. They are exciting, although to some extent misleading, in that the majority are unfinished canvases and therefore look much more "Impressionist" than they would if Boudin had carried them through to the degree of finish he would have desired. There is some irony in the thought that had Boudin chosen to carry them further, he would certainly have moved them further back in time, overlaying the first rapid notations with a much more academically styled image.

Even at his most academic, Boudin was still an enterprising painter with a very special feeling for the windswept skies of the Channel coast, not to mention the charm of the fashionably dressed ladies battling with the breezes. He was born in Honfleur, across the river from Le Havre. Dufy, on the other hand, was a Le Havre native, though he strayed much further and wider than Boudin. The Le Havre museum benefited retrospectively from a bequest by Dufy's widow. The oil paintings include a sparkling pre-Fauve harbour scene of 1904, a stunning early Cubist view of the port, and a picture of the beach and pier at Le Havre, which exemplifies Dufy's style.

Though the museums of northern France are so readily accessible to Britons, there seems to be a tendency for the majority of British visitors to dash past towards Paris and the south. Hence a show like this is not only a breath of fresh air, but brings to Britain things that are really unfamiliar. Cheeringly, the traffic is two-way. A corresponding show will travel to Normandy.

Also in the Southampton gallery is the only significant marking of the centenary of John Everett Millais's death, which happened in the same year as Leighton's and Morris's. Millais was a native son of Southampton, and took his first tentative steps as an artistic prodigy there, before entering the Royal Academy Schools in London at the age of 11. Southampton has opted for intimacy. Everything is borrowed from Millais's great-grandson Geoffrey Richard Everett Millais, so the family emphasis is strong: childhood drawings, portraits of his own children. The greatness of Millais's finest work, that in the pure Pre-Raphaelite style, is hardly represented, which is a pity. But the part of the show across the park at the Southampton Institute comes close with an almost complete collection of his brilliant illustrative work.

● *Both shows are at the City Art Gallery, NorthGuild, Southampton (01703 632769) until Aug 4. The Millais show is also at the Millais Gallery, Southampton Institute, East Park Terrace, Southampton (01703 319083)*

AROUND THE GALLERIES

A SEPIA union flag hangs from a flagpole in the large purpose-built studio space which is now Richard Salmon's gallery. Across the room, over the exquisitely filled bookshelves, are two respectable paintings of strong, translucent, interwoven stripes of citrus yellow, red and green. Through in the other main gallery space, Jonathan Parsons's preoccupation with the potential of different media continues. By deliberately avoiding the mark of the insistent artist, Parsons must hope to bypass some of the more obvious artistic claims.
Richard Salmon, Studio 4, South Edwardes Square, London W8 (0171-602 9494), until July 23

☐ Linda Karshan draws a grid each time as if for the first time. In this exhibition of many drawings and a few prints her working process appears straightforward and upfront. The abstract image — in graphite or ink — emerges through a tangible and automatic backward and forward movement. The paper also carries the odd footprint, which suggests that the work has been made on the floor. The graphite has a strange relationship to the surface, as if hovering over it without really penetrating. The scale of the work changes and shifts. These drawings convey a tough and independent sense of self-justification.
Redfern Gallery, 20 Cork Street, London W1 (0171-734 1732), until August 1

☐ James Rielly's new paintings are more bleached out than ever, but his familiar technique of creating a kind of bumpy interference on the picture surface seems less pronounced. The troubled pictures of children with knowing expressions or grown-ups with child-sized bodies look at times as though they may have come from medical text books. On the first floor of the gallery Rielly collages a section of the wall with small paintings and ambiguously titles it *Random Acts of Kindness*. Images and associations are allowed to weave in and out, across the grouping. Certain pictures seem innocuous while others are disturbing. The atmosphere is more difficult to sustain in the larger single pictures upstairs; but despite the comparative lack of detail, the rapturously concentrating grown-up faces do still manage to convey a sense of toothless, wild-eyed abandon and desire.
Laurent Delaye Gallery, 22 Barrett Street, St Christopher's Place, London W1 (0171-629 5905) until July 27

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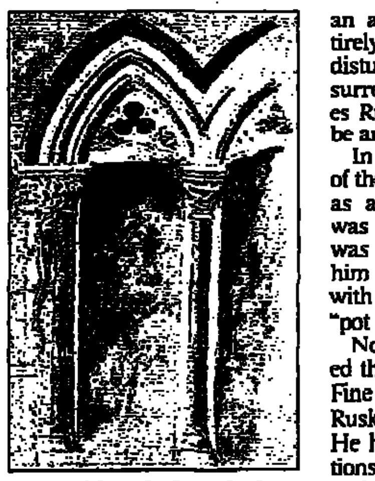
Do as I do, as I see and say

Isabel Carlisle is intrigued by the teacher's art of *Ruskin and Oxford*

John Ruskin was one of those Eminent Victorians whose interests were so diverse that his life's work can be sliced afresh in any number of ways. Newly opened at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford is an exhibition that offers a tantalisingly brief glimpse of Ruskin's relations with the university.

Ruskin, who was supported financially by his father's profitable sherry business throughout his life, went up to Oxford in 1837. Although ill health prevented him from taking his degree, his experiences there laid down the foundations of his interests in art and the natural sciences (linked, in those pre-Darwinian years, to religion). A drawing made in 1839 of the interior of his rooms at Christ Church shows obvious talent, as well as a characteristic technique, and prefigures Ruskin's preference for Gothic architecture.

In both writing about, and later teaching, art, Ruskin came to a fundamental assumption that nature was supreme and that the creative process was secondary to the act of looking: an offbeat proto-theory of the psychology of perception. He both collected drawings by artists that he admired, such as Turner and Dürer, and drew himself, to create a body of source material from which students could learn by copying. Among the drawings and sketches by Turner that Ruskin later gave to the University Galleries (the forerunner of the Ashmolean) is *Venice: The Accademia*, whose dissolving, evanescent shapes almost certainly encouraged Ruskin's theories about form being conveyed by colour, not line.



A Ruskin window design for the Oxford Museum

When Ruskin produced a flecked and stippled watercolour of a bright red apple on a blue background as an example for one of his students, he was trying out his theories. When he drew from nature, as in *Study of Gneiss Rock, Glenfinlas*, or *Stone Pines at Sestri, Gulf of Genoa*, he engaged with nature in an almost mystical, and entirely personal, way. In these disturbingly intense, slightly surreal, topographical sketches Ruskin believed himself to be an agent of the divine.

In that sense — his rejection of the artist's very human role as an interpreter — Ruskin was not himself an artist. It was this attitude that brought him into headlong conflict with Whistler at the famous "pot of paint" trial in 1878.

Nor, when he was appointed the first Slade Professor of Fine Art at Oxford in 1869, did Ruskin intend to teach artists. He had much grander ambitions, to the alarm of the Oxford authorities. Seeing by drawing was to have an impact on the moral fibre of the Empire.

The teaching series, among them those labelled the Rudimentary and the Elementary, took students on the journey of Creation, from rocks, through plants and birds, to landscape and architecture. Ruskin's architecture rejected the classical orders and embraced Italian Gothic — it was nature at its best. Life drawing, which Ruskin found personally disturbing, was to be reserved for real artists.

The Oxford Museum (now the University Museum), built in the 1850s as a place to house the teaching collections for the new courses on the natural sciences, embodied many of Ruskin's ideas in its decorative scheme. The Gothic window frames have carved into them birds, animals and foliage directly inspired by actual examples that Ruskin would bring to the stone masons to copy. It was the last gasp of a natural theology that combined art, science and religious belief. Ironically, in 1860 the newly opened building was the venue for a fierce debate on Darwin's *On the Origin of the Species by Natural Selection*.

When Ruskin expounded his theories on art in *Modern Painters*, the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood eagerly rushed to their studios to put them into practice. He taught generations of Victorians how to look at art, and knocked the classical ideal off its pedestal. No art critic since in this country, excepting possibly Roger Fry, has wielded such enormous power.

Perhaps the centenary of Ruskin's death in 2000 will give scholars the chance to bring the different facets of Ruskin's complicated intellectual life together and explain just why it was that he came to exert such an enormous influence on Victorian art and thought.

● Ruskin and Oxford *is at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, until Sept 15. The exhibition then moves to the Mappin Art Gallery, Sheffield, from Sept 28 until Nov 24*

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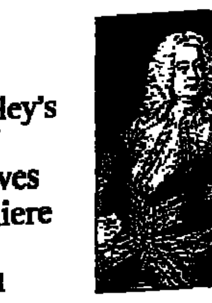

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BASINGSTOKE: Simon Phillips directs Tracey Childs, Michael Howe and Martin Fisher in the champagne of musical comedies, **High Society**.
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CHELTENHAM: The pianist **Vladimir Ovchinikov** begins today's programme with a celebrity recital in the Pittville Pump Room (11am). At 7.30pm, **Collegium Musicum 90** and the **Joyful Company of Singers** offer masterpieces by Mozart and Bach, with the first public performance of Michael Berkeley's *Love is strong as Death* (Gloucester Cathedral). In the Montpellier Gardens (7.30pm), the **Chinese State Circus** demonstrates its acrobatic skill and grace in a two-hour pageant of colour and excitement. Subsequent performances: Wed, Thur, 7.30pm, Fri, 4.45pm and 7.30pm, Sat, 2.30pm and 7.30pm and Sun, 11am and 2.30pm; until July 21
Festival box office (01242 227979), for further information and tickets.

LIVERPOOL: Carl Davis conducts the RLPO Woodwind Quartet in an evening of classical favourites, as part of the **Summer Pops** festival. Highlights include Schubert's *Rosamunde Overture*, excerpts from Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* and from Grieg's *Peer Gynt* and Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto (soloist Maxim Xue-Wei).
***King's Dock**, box office* (0151-709 3789). Tonight, 7.30pm.

SCARBOROUGH: Stephen Jeffreys's enjoyable family drama, **A Going Concern**, set in the workshops of a firm making bar billiards machines. The time is the 1960s and changes are afoot. Robin Herford directs a great cast.
Stephen Joseph, Valley Bridge Parade (01723 370 541). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat (July 27), 3pm. Until August 10.

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **THE ASPERN PAPERS:** Michael Redgrave's slightly old-fashioned version of the Henry James tale of literary *skulduggery*. With Hannah Gordon, Daniel J. Travanti, Moira Lister.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat 5pm.

☐ **THE CHOICE:** Eve Matheson plays the mother-to-be in Claire Luckham's *moving and semi-autobiographical play* about loving a Down's syndrome child. Judged Best New Play in the Martini/TMA Awards. Dominic Hill directs.
Orange Tree, Clarence St, Richmond (0181-940 0141). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

◪ **CORIOLANUS:** Steven Berkoff's much-travelled production arrives in London with himself as a snarling, ear-breaking fascist. Last week.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, EC4 (0171-236 2211) Tue-Sat 7.30pm; mat Sat 3pm. Until July 20. 🅂

☐ **THE ODD COUPLE:** Jack Klugman, Tony Randall play the two divorced husbands, slob and fusspot, in a revival of Neil Simon's comedy.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat 8.15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 🅂

■ ***ROMEO AND JULIET:*** *Lucy* Whybrow's Juliet is one of the better things in Adrian Noble's so-so production from last year's Stratford.
Barbican, Silk Street EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm; mat, 2pm. In rep 🅂

☐ **SALAD DAYS:** Julian Slade's tuneful musical, directed by Ned Sherrin. Nicola Fulljames and Simon Connolly play the young lovers in a company that *also includes Kit and the Widow.*
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat 4pm.

◪ **SAM SHEPARD FESTIVAL:** Three weeks of Shepard plays, discussions and short pieces: includes the London premiere of *States of Shock*, where a nostalgic colonel and his mutilated guest reminisce. Also *A Lie of the Mind* and *Suicide in B Flat*.
BAC, Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (0171-223 2223). *States*, Main House, 8pm. *Lie*, Studio 1, 7.30pm. *Suicide*, Studio 2, 8.30pm. Performances Tue-Sun. Until July 21

■ **STANLEY:** Interesting Pam Gems play, with Antony Sher a persuasive Stanley Spencer, inspired by Cookham, troubled by wives.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm. 🅂

☐ **THE TEMPEST:** Excellent Denis Quilley plays Prospero in Patrick Garland's production. Expect magic.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431) Today and tomorrow, 8pm. In rep.

◪ **TOMMY:** Hugely impressive staging *of the traumatised child's apotheosis to* pinball wizard. Loads of electronic tricks disguise the improbability.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 🅂

☐ **TWELVE ANGRY MEN:** Kevin Whately, Timothy West, Peter Vaughan and nine excellent others in Reginald Rose's celebrated jury-room drama.
Comedy, Panton Street SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE CABLE GUY** (12): Obnoxious comedy with Jim Carrey as a pathological cable television technician. With Matthew Broderick. Director, Ben Stiller.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) ***MGMs: Chelsea*** *(0171-352 5096)* **Trocadero** 🅂 (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (0990 888 990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

THE CELLULOID CLOSET (15): Absorbing documentary about the treatment of gays in mainstream movies. Directors, Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman.
Ritzy (0171-737 2121) **Screen on Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Virgin Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME (U): Victor Hugo meets the Disney animators. A perverse, and perversely successful, mix of the cuddly and downbeat. Directors, Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise.
Odeon Leicester Square (01426-915 683)

FEAST OF JULY (15): Love and tragedy in late Victorian England. Turgid drama from H.E. Bates's novel, with Embeth Davidtz and Ben Chaplin. Director, Christopher Menaul.
Odeon Haymarket (01426-915 353)

◆ **KINGPIN** (12): Unfunny comedy about hustlers on the road, with Woody Harrelson, Randy Quaid and Bill Murray. Directors, Peter and Bobby Farrelly.
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THE TIT AND THE MOON (18): The sexual development of a nine-year-old boy. Unexpected magic from Catalan director Bigas Luna.
MGMs: Piccadilly (0171-437 3561) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148)

CURRENT

LES DAMES DU BOIS DE BOULOGNE (PG): Revival of Robert Bresson's atypical but mesmerising 1945 drama, with Maria Casarès as the spurned lover who plots revenge.
Riverside (0181-741 2255)

◆ ***HEAVEN'S PRISONERS*** *(15):* Boredom in the bayous with Alec Baldwin as a former homicide cop stumbling upon drug runners. Director, Phil Joannou.
Odeons: Mezzanine 🅂 (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

◆ **THE JUROR** (18): Few genuine thrills as Alec Baldwin's Mafia henchman leans on Demi Moore's juror. Director, Brian Gibson.
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◆ ***MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE*** (PG): Rousing set-pieces dwarf the stars, even Tom Cruise's special agent, in this enjoyable revival of the television series. With Jon Voight, Vanessa Redgrave and Emmanuelle Béart. Director, Brian De Palma.
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OPERA: Handel revived at Göttingen; sawdust thrills in Islington

Lionheart finds his voice

The Göttingen Handel Festival has been, for 15 years or so, the wellspring of a Handel renaissance. Under its two British directors, John Eliot Gardiner (1980-90) and Nicholas McGegan (from 1991), a stream of important recordings of English oratorios and Italian operas (some never before available on disc) have derived from these annual performances.

The bad news for Handelians is that, after five reasonably well-selling opera sets, Harmonia Mundi has severed relations with McGegan and declined to record this year's chosen work, *Riccardo Primo* (Richard I), Handel's "coronation" opera of 1727 to mark the accession of George II. Handel opera is now a competitive field, and Christophe Rousset recorded this one last year for Decca.

There is light on the horizon, however. McGegan is currently negotiating with another company and it is conceivable that recordings will resume from 1998. Sadly, next year's planned *Xerxes* — one of Handel's most popular operas today and badly in need of a new recording — will probably not make it to disc.

The choice this year of an opera with a subject loosely based on English history seems to have influenced other important changes. Although the festival's theme was "Handel and his German Friends", British representation was stronger than ever. The Hanover Band replaced the Freiburg Baroque Orchestra, appropriately enough as Göttingen has Hanoverian *connections: George II founded the* university and William IV built the university's beautiful Aula, in which some of the finest concerts are given. This year it was a dazzling orchestral programme by Concerto Köln featuring two Handel organ concertos and a brilliant double concerto for flute and recorder by Telemann which had the audience in raptures.

Another highlight was a performance of the oratorio *Belshazzar*, conducted by the Berlin-based Briton, Marcus Creed. It was superbly sung and played by the Rias Chamber Choir and the Akademie Für Alte Musik, Berlin, and two British soloists were outstanding: Lynne Dawson as a noble and effortlessly stylish Nitocris and James Bowman as Daniel, singing with an expressive power that seemed undiminished by the years.

The opera was no less of a musical treat. *Riccardo Primo is one* of five works Handel wrote between 1726 and 1728 expressly for his star ensemble comprising the alto castrato Senesino (Riccardo) and two sopranos, Francesca Cuzzoni (Costanza) and Faustina Bordoni (Pulcheria). This trio was the *"three tenors" of the day.* But two prima donnas in a company is one too many, and their rivalry climaxed in a notorious on-stage brawl in Bononcini's *Astianatte* in 1728.

This rivalry, too, may be a root cause of the relatively low esteem enjoyed by the Cuzzoni-Faustina operas. Handel was so concerned to balance their roles — each having the same number of arias — that any coherent dramatic development was sacrificed.

Riccardo Primo may be a vehicle for virtuoso singers, but it has one of the most exciting openings in Handel: a storm at sea in which Costanza, the Princess of Navarre who is to marry Riccardo, watches the sinking of the ship from which she has just been rescued. There is also a rousing *battaglia* in which Riccardo defeats Isacio, villainous ruler of Cyprus who hopes to keep Costanza for himself while passing off his daughter Pulcheria as Riccardo's bride. He is foiled and the denouement is not quite as even-handed as the distribution of arias: Costanza gets Riccardo's love and his kingdom of England *while* Pulcheria has to settle for his friendship and Cyprus.

There is a wobbly moment earlier, too, when Costanza gets to sing a ravishing birdsong simile aria with sopranino recorder obbligato. It must have been all the more galling for Faustina because she had to remain on stage while Cuzzoni sang it.

The production was entrusted to Kate Brown, while Göttingen's regular set designer, Scott Blake, was given sufficient budget for a palace. These Handel productions are hardly cutting-edge theatre but Brown directed the principals with taste and discretion and gave us all a good laugh when two soldiers destroyed a cardboard wall with a battering ram.

Under McGegan's spirited direction the band shone and the singers relished Handel's exhibitionist vocal writing. The stars were Penelope Walker, who sang the low-lying title role with a technical brilliance and stylistic understanding which made me wonder why British companies waste her as Wagnerian Valkyries when she could be thrilling us all with her Julius Caesar or Xerxes. Lynda Russell sang Costanza with immaculate style and purity of tone. *Lorna* Anderson's Pulcheria provided a contrast but she was occasionally bothered by shortness of breath in the runs.

David Thomas made a melodramatic meal of Isacio's villainy and his voice remains an acquired taste. He has the low notes, however, which most Handel basses lack. George Mosley sang well in the unrewarding role of Berardo and Janet Shell sang stylishly as Oronte, Pulcheria's betrothed, with too small a voice.

HUGH CANNING

> ❛The singers relished the exhibitionist vocal writing❜

British triumphs: Penelope Walker (Riccardo, right) and Lynda Russell lead the staging of *Riccardo Primo*

Flip side of the circus

Variété
Almeida

ALONGSIDE the proper new operas *in Islington's summer* feast, Almeida Opera also presents the sort of spectacle that doesn't fit easily into any genre, except the one labelled "pure delight". Such was the British premiere of *Variété*, staged for one night only, sadly, on Friday.

It was an hour-long succession of circus and vaudeville acts, set to a surreal musical score by that wily Argentinian maverick, Mauricio Kagel. And, on one level, that was all it was. A clown with hat, overcoat and suitcase went silently paranoid when people kept on removing chairs behind his back. A little girl "levitated" on a plank. A sensuous couple entwined their bodies into beautiful, improbable and probably improper acrobatic holds. A slip of a lad called Henry He did intriguing things with hoops, and a vibrant lass performed graceful stunts while hanging upside down from a rope.

All in all, then, a standard array of athletic charmers; the sort you see busking any lunchtime on Covent Garden piazza. But Kagel's music cast a dark shadow over the parade. Set for a six-piece ensemble dominated by that sinister squeeze-box, the piano accordion, it was a succession of nervy, mournful fragments: distorted splinters of the rum-ti-tum tunes that used to accompany vaudeville acts, but are now half-forgotten memories in the minds of very old musicians.

So the piece projected a paradox: the visual spectacle being all youth, grace, agility, humour and allure; but the music speaking sadly of *paper-thin illusion, inevitable* decay, seediness and obsolescence. In short, here in stark conjunction were the two sides of circus life — and perhaps of all our lives, whatever crazy circus we find ourselves in. All credit to the acrobats of the Hackney-based Circus Space, directed by Bob Pearce, and the musicians of the Almeida Ensemble under David Parry, for sustaining the metaphor so effectively.

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POP: What became of club diva Cathy Dennis once the hits dried up? **Alan Jackson** reports. Plus, Dublin's Féile

New romance after the dance

This is, it is generally agreed, a vintage era for women pop performers. The once-in-a-blue-moon record buyer — the one who only braved the queue at the check-out whenever Dire Straits or Simply Red released something new — is now swaggering out of stores all over the world with the current multimillion-seller by Alanis Morissette or Celine Dion. Female artists now dominate rock, soul, dance, folk and power balladeering. Such omnipresent talents are almost all imported, however. What, you have to ask, happened to the British female pop star?

In the 1950s, they wore stiff, starched gowns and sang bracing ballads, loudly and with full orchestral backing. In the 1960s, they all but took over the world. Pet and Dusty, Lulu and Sandie, Cilla and Marianne all remain musically active, be it in theatre, light entertainment TV or Brechtian cabaret.

And since then? Home-nurtured talent has either glowed only intermittently (Kate Bush, Joan Armatrading), or fizzled disappointingly (Jaki Graham, Mica Paris). Indeed, so critically diminished is the form that even relative stalwarts flee it gratefully — witness Kim Wilde who, after 15 years of pouting for Britain, won possibly her first kind review for playing a mum in the London stage production of *Tommy*.

The happy truth is that creative women demand more than just the chance to look decorative for a stage audience or TV camera. The British artists to have operated the most successfully within the mainstream are those who have made a highly individual but easily marketable type of music: Annie Lennox, say, or Sade. But what of those whose natural habitat is the pure pop song? Both Lisa Stansfield and Dina Carroll would seem to have gone AWOL, leaving the feeble former Eternal singer Louise as our only competitor to the genre's undisputed queen, Madonna.

So welcome back Cathy Dennis, whose career has neatly encapsulated all the highs and lows of pop. In 1989, aged 20 and as-yet unknown in her home country, she had an American No 1 as featured vocalist on the D-Mob single, *C'mon and Get My Love*. A first solo LP, *Move to This*, was released two years later and brought her four further Top Ten hits in America. The follow-up album, *Into the Skyline*, was less successful, but not significantly so. And then . . . silence, at least as far as record-buyers were concerned. But although the Norwich-born singer and songwriter was not consumed by the same black hole that has swallowed so many of her peers, she admits that keeping going has not always been easy.

"Three years ago, I was ready to give up music altogether," she says. "I felt as if everything had been done before, that all the good songs had been written, and that I had nothing original to offer. I had written and demo-ed between 60 and 70 tracks for a third album, but most of them were absolute rubbish — commercial dance-pop, so formulaic I could have produced it in my sleep, and with very little of my real self in it."

> ‘I felt as if I had nothing original to offer’

Then her music publishing company sent her on one of its annual residential courses in the Devon countryside. Each morning for a week she and a host of other writers would be assigned a new musical partner and given the task of composing a song. The experience was pivotal. "Most of them had nothing to do with the dance world, and composed on guitars," she says. "And through them I discovered a lot of rock artists that I could like. I came back to London and bought loads of CDs, particularly by 1960s acts like the Small Faces, the Kinks, the Beach Boys and even the Beatles. I was a bit late discovering them, I suppose, but I got there eventually."

The resulting influence on her work can be heard on a completely different third album to the one Dennis anticipated. It is titled *Am I the Kind of Girl?* Her clever, quirky but still very pop-orientated songs (one each co-written with Ray Davies of the Kinks and Andy Partridge of XTC) are full of life and humour. "I've had to ignore other people's expectations of me and concentrate on pleasing myself," she says. "I've not played my other two albums since the day I completed them, but this one I'm really proud of."

Radio reaction to a first single, *West End Pad*, to be released next Monday, suggests that Dennis might well be en route to a decisive comeback. Meanwhile, calls to their respective record labels leads to assurances that Stansfield ("She's very definitely hard at work on something") and Carroll ("There'll be news of a second album very shortly") are also planning long-overdue returns to the public arena. This, combined with the recent return of Gabrielle, can only be good news.

- Am I the Kind of Girl? *is released by Polydor on August 12*

DENZIL McNEELANCE

"I've not played my other two albums since the day I completed them, but this one I'm really proud of": Cathy Dennis on *Am I the Kind of Girl?*

Under cover, on the edge

Féile 96
The Point, Dublin

AS A rock concert featuring some of the finest guitar straddling acts around, the first day of the Féile in Dublin's Point Depot was a resounding success. As an attempt at rekindling the spirit of an outdoor music festival within a converted warehouse, it was a dismal failure.

It was unwise of the promoters to sell this three-day bash in the city's docklands as Féile in the first place. For many kids, Féile had once meant being able to roam about Gaelic football stadiums in Tipperary and Cork in brazen search of a good time. It offered the perfect environment in which to experience their first concert, their first weekend sleeping in a pokey tent away from the ever-vigilant eyes of their parents.

This time around, the multitude of security personnel stalking the teenagers' every move was such that the venue often seemed like nothing more than a giant creche. The number of rules and regulations to be obeyed took the science of crowd control to a whole new level.

To be fair, the organisers of this event were under intense scrutiny themselves in the wake of the tragic death of a 16-year-old girl at a recent gig at this very venue. Their determination to ensure that no such incident ever recurs is understandable.

And so to the music. **Joyrider**, the Irish guitar combo, opened proceedings with a competent set in front of a sparse crowd. Then American hardcore degenerates **The Jesus Lizard** tried to hold us to ransom with a brutal sonic maelstrom of songs from their recent album, *Shot*.

The intense, cacophonous exorcisms of the **Afghan Whigs'** Greg Dulli proved more enchanting in live performance than on record, but they seemed a trifle one-dimensional when compared with the multi-faceted gems of **Beck**. From the stomping psychedelic blues of *Devil's Haircut* to *Loser*, the signature tune of a disaffected generation, Beck was the embodiment of cucumber-cool self-confidence as he and his accomplished four-piece band combined music genres as diverse as rap, folk, hip hop, grunge and blues, sometimes all within one song.

The steely, resilient, passionate **Manic Street Preachers** won me over to their cause, while the main attraction, Dave Grohl's **Foo Fighters**, disappointed me slightly with a rather loose, unsubtle performance that did not do justice to the Seattle grungeniks' excellent debut album. But more than 4,000 of their fans would, I'm sure, beg to differ.

Either through a sense of anti-climax or because they didn't realise there was indeed another band due on, a large proportion of the crowd went home at this stage. Boy, should they have stayed! **Teenage Fanclub** were, in a word, magnificent. The sun-kissed harmonies of Norman Blake and Gerry Love, wedded to the ragged glory of Blake's and Raymond McGinley's guitars, make this band truly special. Towards the end of the set, they invited an enthusiastic fan on stage to add tambourine and backing vocals, and one could not help but smile and feel a profound sense of relief that spontaneity had not been completely excised from the day's proceedings.

NICK KELLY

Hardbop grandpop swings on

JAZZ

Horace Silver
Forum, NW5

ALTHOUGH he has adopted the tag "The Hardbop Grandpop", even using it for the title of his new album, American pianist Horace Silver acknowledges that his "influences and inspirations go back to the swing era". Thus the live septet sound of the man who spawned a movement in the 1950s with such compositions as *Opus de Funk* and *The Preacher*, and whose distinctive soul-jazz with a funky backbeat today provides such rich pickings for the hippest of samplers, can at times resemble that of an avowedly mainstream figure — Humphrey Lyttelton.

Ironically, the vast majority of Silver's large and faithful following would never consider attending a Lyttelton concert and his work remains unsampled, but the strictly musical similarities between the two senior jazzmen are more than fanciful. The explanation lies in the material Silver presented.

All but the concluding classic, *Song for My Father*, were taken from *The Hardbop Grandpop*, and although the basic mix of Silver influences remains unchanged — jazzy soul jostling with smart Latin beats, unaffected peppy struts rubbing shoulders with mid-tempo blues material — the funky bite of old is largely absent, the overall sound altogether mellower. True, the concert's opener, *I Want You*, was an insistent bustler with a beat Silver admitted to borrowing from Bo Diddley, but the neatness of the arrangement, and the straightforwardly swinging solos — particularly from trumpeter Ron Stout — harked back to pre-bop times as much as to Silver's heyday.

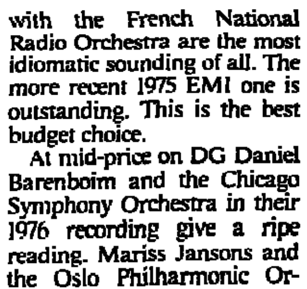
What he lacked in outright trenchancy he more than made up for with delicacy and sly wit. In *I Got the Blues in Santa Cruz*, which featured a typically cogent contribution from late-substitute UK-based tenorman Jean Toussaint — and his most famous tune, *Song for My Father*, Silver demonstrated that he is still a deeply affecting soloist. His rhythmic sense has always been unequalled: hard-bopper or mainstreamer, he continues to justify his near-legendary status.

CHRIS PARKER

CLASSICAL CHOICE

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

SAINT-SAËNS SYMPHONY NO 3
by Edward Greenfield



When composing his Symphony No 3, or Organ Symphony, Saint-Saëns sent a message to the secretary of the Royal Philharmonic Society in London, which had commissioned the piece: "It will be terrifying. I warn you." Saint-Saëns was referring to the extravagance of the scoring, with a role for the organ, two pianos, triple woodwind and heavy brass.

Reflecting his dedication of the work to the memory of Franz Liszt, Saint-Saëns subjects his main theme, based on the *Dies Irae*, to an elaborate series of Lisztian transformations, providing the thematic material for a large-scale symphonic structure.

To sound idiomatic, the Organ Symphony has to be treated with fair freedom over phrasing and speed-changes. Herbert von Karajan with the Berlin Philharmonic, in his 1981 recording for DG, at very slow speeds loses tension. James Levine with the same orchestra five years later, also on DG, is more understanding but larger-than-life.

The 1959 recording from Charles Munch and the Boston Symphony Orchestra on RCA is most persuasive in its flexibility and power but lacks gentler dynamics. Jean Martinon's two recordings with the French National Radio Orchestra are the most idiomatic sounding of all. The more recent 1975 EMI one is outstanding. This is the best budget choice.

At mid-price on DG Daniel Barenboim and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in their 1976 recording give a ripe reading. Mariss Jansons and the Oslo Philharmonic Orchestra on EMI offer in many ways the subtlest version of all, but the finale is marred by slow speed and grating, superimposed organ sound.

Among modern digital recordings, a clear first choice is the Chandos version from **Yan-Pascal Tortelier** and the **Ulster Orchestra** with **Gillian Weir** on the organ (Chandos CHAN 8822-2, £13.99). The exceptionally rich sound brings out the full range of a warmly idiomatic reading, marked by superb ensemble. It conveys the rush of adrenaline which in the finale must crown a really satisfying performance, skirting vulgarity by a mere whisker.

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Simon Rattle was to have conducted this anniversary *Creation*; but a family bereavement led to his place being taken by Roger Norrington, who revelled in a rare opportunity to make music with many close colleagues in a different incarnation. If there is any late 18th-century work which vindicates the use of period instruments, this is it. And with Norrington throwing each instrumental voice into sharp relief through the vigour of his rhythmic articulation and sweep of phrase, the performance took on the character of a pageant of incident and detail.

There was the contrast between the compacted energy of the opening chords, and the long, singing chord which heralded the magic flutes of Part Three with its new humanity. There were the sweeping upbows as the Spirit of God moved upon the waters, and the dark spirits of Hell, fleeing in the voice of a single, snarling flute. There were the sad steps of the double-basses' lunar journey; and the glorious extended bestiary of horn, clarinet and contra-bassoon.

The evening's soloists moved from the archangelic to the mortal with energy: Hillevi Martinpelto radiant as Gabriel and Eva; Robert Lloyd heroic as Raphael and Adam; while John Mark Ainsley as Uriel, announcing the creation of mankind itself seemed, together with the outstanding choir, the voice of Enlightenment incarnate.

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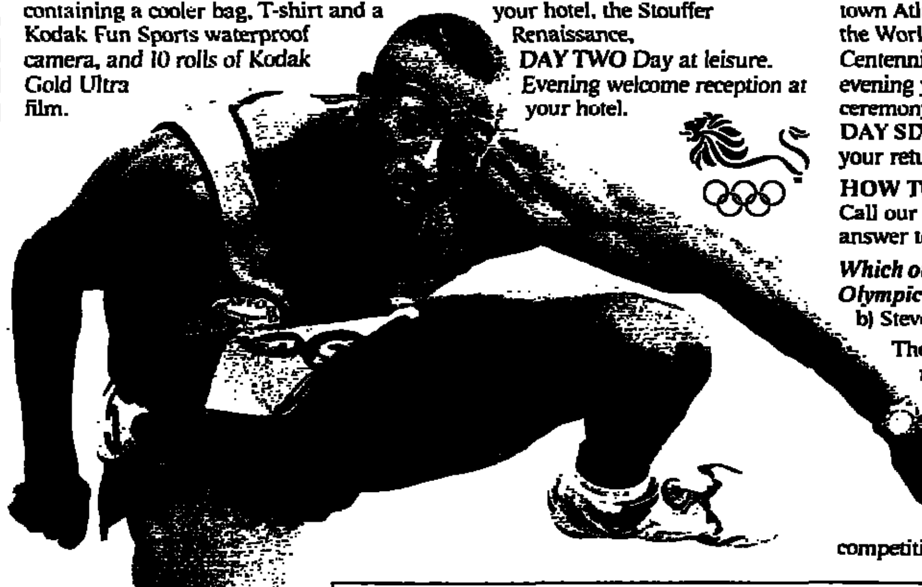

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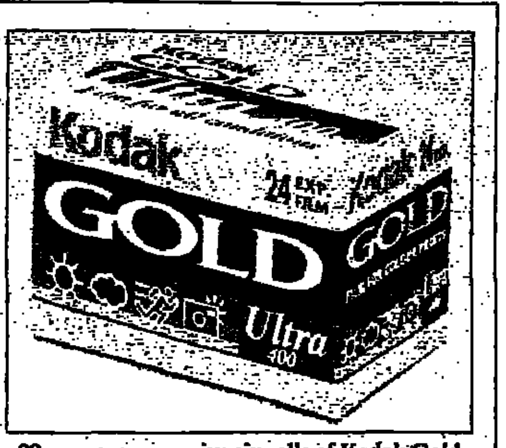

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CYCLING: RIIS AND INDURÁIN TAKE IT EASY IN TOUR DE FRANCE BEFORE BATTLE IS JOINED BY LEADERS IN PYRENEES

Podenzana makes most of rare day in spotlight

By Peter Bryan

IT WAS hot, the Pyrenees lie ahead and the big guns in the Tour de France were content to take the day off and let the *domestiques* sample the spotlight. Bjarne Riis, Miguel Induráin, Evgeni Berzin, Abraham Olano *et al* thus sat back and rested before their battles to come and Massimo Podenzana, of Italy, convinced that, at 34, his best days lay far behind him, yesterday won the fifteenth stage of the Tour over 109 miles from Brive-la-Gaillarde and Villeneuve-sur-Lot. He could barely believe his luck.

That it was meaningless as far as the general classification is concerned bothered Podenzana not at all. He had been part of a marathon breakaway by a handful of the workhorses of the Tour, riders whose usual task is to exhaust themselves in the service of better-known and better-paid team leaders, and, after helping to build and then maintain a healthy lead over the rest of the peloton, he broke away again before the finish, crossing the line 35sec ahead of Giuseppe Guerini, another Italian, with Peter van Petegem, of Belgium, third, 49sec behind the winner. Neil Stephens, of Australia, had seemed well-placed for stage victory, but he crashed and finished 1min 41sec after Podenzana.

"This is the most important moment of my career," the victor beamed afterwards. "I was thinking about retirement, but maybe I will go on for another year." How a win can change things.

The big guns kept their powder dry, allowing Podenzana's half-dozen-strong group to build an advantage of more than nine minutes at one stage before finally accelerating to finish in a pack 5min 38sec behind. They had hardly broken sweat, as is traditional for the Tour's principal contenders before the going gets tough, as it will on the approach to the Pyrenees today, when the stage has a long climb to the mountain-top finish at Lourdes-Hautacam. The route will be but a sampler for those to follow tomorrow and, by Thursday, the final outcome of the three-week marathon might be decided.

The main players will be Riis and Induráin. Riis is confident that he can match any challenge from the Spaniard in the mountains and hold his advantage for the individual time-trial on Saturday before the final run-in to Paris — even if he was playing it cool yesterday, saying only: "It is a very important stage. Hopefully, I can fare well and keep the jersey."

Induráin accepts Riis as the only rival likely to prevent him from setting a Tour record of six successive victories, but there is a feeling among the peloton that Induráin, heartened by the change in weather — he excels in the heat and hates the cold and rain — is about to counter-attack.

The Pyrenees will present a challenge to Chris Boardman, of Great Britain. He finished in the main pack yesterday, is still 31st overall and is showing signs that he is recovering from his earlier illness.

Podenzana holds his arms aloft as he crosses the line in Villeneuve-sur-Lot yesterday

FIFTEENTH STAGE (Brive-la-Gaillarde to Villeneuve-sur-Lot, 176 kilometres): 1, M Podenzana (It, Carrera) 3hr 54min 52sec; 2, G Guerini (It, Polti) at 37sec; 3, P van Petegem (Bel, TVM) at 50; 4, M Bartoli (It, MG-Technogym) same time; 5, F Lemarchand (Fr, Gan) at 1min 16sec; 6, N Stephens (Aus, ONCE) at 1:41; 7, F Moncassin (Fr, Gan) at 5:38; 8, F Baldato (It, MG-Technogym); 9, E Zabel (Ger, Telekom); 10, A Ferrigato (It, Roslotto); 11, D Abdoujaparov (Uzb, Refin); 12, I Cerioli (It, Gewiss); 13, G Talmant (Fr, Aubervilliers 93); 14, T Gouvenou (Fr, Aubervilliers 93); 15, F Simon (Fr, Gan); 16, P Fornaciari (It, Saeco); 17, A Tchmil (Russ, Lotto); 18, A Baronti (It, Panaria); 19, J-C Colotti (Fr, Agrigel); 20, J-L Mesdupuy (Fr, Agrigel) all same time. British position: 79, C Boardman (Gan) same time. Overall positions: 1, B Riis (Den, Telekom) 69hr 12min 10sec; 2, A Olano (Sp, Mapei) at 58sec; 3, E Berzin (Russ, Gewiss) at 1min 08sec; 4, T Rominger (Switz, Mapei) at 1:21; 5, J Ullrich (Ger, Telekom) at 2:06; 6, P Luttenberger (Austria, Carrera) at 2:38; 7, R Virenque (Fr, Festina) at 3:16; 8, M Induráin (Sp, Banesto) at 4:38; 9, L Dufaux (Switz, Festina) at 5:03; 10, F Escartín (Sp, Kelme) at 5:17; 11, P Ugrumov (Russ, Roslotto) at 5:55; 12, B Hamburger (Den, TVM) at 6:38; 13, L Leblanc (Fr, Polti) at 6:47; 14, U Bolts (Ger, Telekom) at 9:11; 15, M Fernandez Gines (Sp, Mapei) at 9:31; 16, L Piepoli (It, Refin) at 10:04; 17, A Zülle (Switz, Once) at 11:45; 18, A Garmendia (Sp, Once) at 12:25; 19, V Ekimov (Russ, Rabobank) at 15:10; 20, S Cattai (It, Roslotto) at 18:03. British position: 31, Boardman at 33:20. King of the mountains: 1, Virenque 224pts; 2, Riis 133; 3, L Brochard (Fr, Festina) 111; 4, Leblanc 108; 5, Rominger 107. Points classification: 1, Zabel 258pts; 2, Moncassin 208; 3, Baldato 188; 4, Abdoujaparov 149; 5, J Blijlevens (Holl, TVM) 121. Teams: 1, Mapei 207hr 45min 59sec; 2, Telekom at 51sec; 3, Festina at 3min 58sec; 4, Rabobank at 6:02; 5, ONCE at 14:09.

TODAY: Sixteenth stage: Agen to Lourdes-Hautacam (192 kilometres).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Lindsay scoffs at disaster claim

By David Maddock

MAURICE LINDSAY, the chief executive of the Rugby Football League, has dismissed as "carping" a claim by Ken Arthurson, the chairman of the Australian Rugby League (ARL) that the game in Great Britain is heading towards a financial disaster.

Arthurson successfully fought off a bid to set up a rival Super League in Australia, and has long been outspoken in his criticism of British rugby's partnership with BSkyB, the television channel which has ploughed so much money into the game, and is 40 per cent owned by News International, parent company of *The Times*.

Yesterday, Arthurson offered aggressive criticism of Britain's decision not to play Australia on this year's British Lions tour. The Lions will tour Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand — but not Australia — later this year. He also added further criticism of Lindsay, and even expressed fears for the future of the British game.

"It seems his [Maurice Lindsay's] refusal to give the players and the fans the matches they want against the ARL is heading the [British] league towards a financial disaster," he said.

Lindsay remained unruffled in the face of the onslaught. "It is nothing less than carping from someone who has lost his position and refuses to recognise Super League," he said. "We are having a successful season, and, on our tour, we will include an historic first visit by a full tour side to Fiji."

TRIATHLON

German breaks Ironman mould

By Ian Sweet

TO RUN a mile in less than four minutes is still something special, but to break the eight-hour barrier for the Ironman — a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile cycle and 26.2-mile run — was unheard of until Lothar Leder recorded 7hr 57min 02sec at Ironman Europe, in Roth, Germany, on Sunday.

Dave Scott, of the United States, the six-time winner of the Hawaii Ironman, recorded 8hr 01min 11sec at Lake Biwi, in Ironman Japan, in 1989, and nobody had bettered his time until Sunday.

On the quick Roth course, nine seconds separated Leder, 25, and Rainer Müller, his fellow German, after the swim — 49min 24sec for Müller and 49min 33sec for Leder. Leder was the quicker in the two-lap bike section with 4hr 24min 06sec, 24sec faster than Müller. However, it was the marathon where Leder took control of the race and the record, by running 2hr 43min 23sec, which left Müller more than 11 minutes adrift.

Two months ago, at a Germany training camp in Lanzarote, Leder was found sneaking out for extra sessions even though the mileage and intensity of training was considered tough enough.

Leder, from Worms, has been competing over the Ironman distance since the age of 21. In 1994 he was second at the world long-distance championships, in Nice, and also won the Japanese Strongman, another seven-hour race. Now his name is firmly in the record books as the triathlete who broke the eight-hour Ironman barrier.

ATHLETICS

HEXHAM: International under-23 match: Great Britain v Germany v Russia (winners and British): Men: 100m: 1, K Demine (Russ) 10.85sec; 3, A Condon (Sale) 10.93; 4, D Joyce (Thames Valley) 10.93. 200m: 1, J Golding (Blackheath) 21.20; 2, Condon 21.21. 400m: 1, G Bullock (Wigan) 46.07; 2, J Deacon (Morpeth) 46.78. 800m: 1, E King (Ballymena and Antrim) 1min 53.62sec; 4, J Swift-Smith (Shaftesbury Barnet) 1:54.88. 1,500m: 1, N Caddy (Newquay and Par) 3:45.29; 2, R Ashe (Hillingdon) 3:46.35. 3,000m: 1, D Burrows (Birchfield) 8:06.23; 2, K Bowditch (Birchfield) 8:08.29. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, K Tomsky (Russ) 8:55.19; 3, M O'Dowd (Swindon) 9:00.41; 5, D Preston (Enfield) 9:20.16. 110m hurdles: 1, S Gohler (Ger) 14.18sec; 3, J Archampong (Swansea) 14.54; 5, S McAree (Newham and Essex Beagles) 14.79. 400m hurdles: 1, S Timmermann (Ger) 51.38; 3, N Levy (Belgrave) 51.55; 4, B Middleton (Cardiff) 51.77. 4 x 100m relay: 1, Germany 40.71; 2, Great Britain 40.75. 4 x 400m relay: 1, Great Britain 3min 05.66sec. High jump: 1, V Voronin (Russ) 2.29m; 5, R Aspden (Belgrave) 2.10; 6, R Brocklebank (Blackburn) 2.10. Pole vault: 1, E Smiryagin (Russ) 5.60; 3, I Wilding (City of Stoke) 4.80. Long jump: 1, V Taranov (Russ) 7.67; 3, C Davidson (Newham and Essex Beagles) 7.50; 5, D Ritchie (Sale) 7.30. Triple jump: 1, I Gavrilenko (Russ) 16.26; 3, C Howard (Newham and Essex Beagles) 15.67; 4, E Clarke (Shaftesbury Barnet) 15.52. Shot: 1, A Dittmar (Ger) 18.62; 3, S Hayward (Sale) 18.07; 6, R Russell (Sale) 16.77. Discus: 1, T Kossoglu (Ger) 63.36; 4, Russell 49.38; 6, J South (Shaftesbury Barnet) 48.04m. Hammer: 1, D Smith (City of Hull) 73.22; 4, I Park (GEC Avionics) 61.12. Javelin: 1, C Nicolay (Ger) 71.64; 5, D Macdonald (Thames Valley) 58.44. 5km walk: 1, V Stankine (Russ) 19min 49.71sec; 5, P King (Coventry RWC) 21:58.57; 6, P Keown (Leicester Roadhoggs) 22:47.37. Match result: 1, Russia 136pts; 2, Great Britain 133; 3, Germany 127. Women: 100m: 1, S Smith (Hallamshire) 11.84sec; 4, E Ruddock (Coventry Godiva) 12.03. 200m: 1, C Murphy (Shaftesbury Barnet) 24.20; 5, L Whitehead (Liverpool Pembroke) 24.95. 400m: N Chevtsova (Russ) 53.83; 5, L Vannet (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) 54.54; 6, H Frost (GB) 55.22. 800m: S Bütelsbache (Ger) 2min 06.04sec; 5, S Bull (Derby Ladies) 2:09.82. 1,500m: 1, O Jelezniak (Russ) 4:23.31; 4, H Pattinson (Preston) 4:27.25; 6, R McPhee (GEC Avionics) 4:31.73. 3,000m: 1, L Biktasheva (Russ) 9:28.46; 2, S Salmon (GB) 9:40.87; 4, H Yelling (Hounslow) 9:53.71. 100m hurdles: D Allahgreen (Liverpool) 13.66sec; 4, J Hale (Lagan Valley) 14.30. 400m hurdles: 1, A Hocke (Ger) 57.44; 4, S Dudgeon (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) 60.33; 5, K Thurston (Warrington) 60.60. 4 x 100m relay: 1, Great Britain 44.99. 4 x 400m relay: 1, Germany 3min 36.90sec; 3, Great Britain 3:44.84. High jump: 1, S Lapina (Russ) 1.89m; 5, D Bennett (Epsom and Ewell) 1.70; 6, S Veevers (Pendle) 1.70. Pole vault: 1, A Muller (Ger) 4.00; equal 4, K Alexander (Cambridge Harriers) 3.10; 6, D Wright (Coventry Godiva) 2.90. Long jump: 1, S Hort (Ger) 6.41; 4, R Irving (Wirral) 5.92; 6, A Holman (Peterborough) 5.42. Triple jump: 1, M Goryatcheva (Russ) 13.61; 5, K Evans (Birchfield) 12.36; 6, K Denham (Blackheath) 11.99. Shot: 1, C Mues (Ger) 16.08; 5, E Gatrell (Woking) 13.05; 6, E Merry (Coventry Godiva) 12.53. Discus: 1, S Sievers (Ger) 56.90; 4, Merry 47.74; 6, T Saint-Smith (Enfield) 40.86. Hammer: 1, S Mathes (Ger) 59.48; 2, L Sprules (Hounslow) 59.18; 6, D Holden (Hounslow) 50.84. Javelin: 1, O Doudina (Russ) 53.22; 2, K Martin (Derby Ladies) 51.48; 3, L Jackson (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) 46.78. 3km walk: 1, N Trofimova (Russ) 12min 33.58sec; 5, C Charnock (Barrow-in-Furness) 14:22.51; 6, K Horwill (Dudley and Stourbridge) 14:52.78. Match result: 1, Germany 160; 2, Russia 134.5; 3, Great Britain 103.5. Overall result: 1, Germany 287; 2, Russia 270.5; 3, Great Britain 238.5.

WISHAW: TSB Scottish championships: Junior men: 100m: R Bailhe (Victoria Park) 11.03sec. 200m: Bailhe 21.80. 400m: I Horsburgh (Scottish Borders) 48.24. 800m: M Combe (Scottish Borders) 1min 55.89sec. 1,500m: J Reid (Cambuslang) 4:04.57. 5,000m: D Rose (Border) 15:06.78. 2,000m steeplechase: G Walker (Crewe and Nantwich) 6:22.95. 110m hurdles: M Brough (Kirkintilloch Olympians) 17.56sec. 400m hurdles: R McDonald (Perth) 53.62. High jump: D Slessor (Border) 2.06m. Pole vault: D Graham (City of Edinburgh) 4.26. Long jump: D Clenhew (City of Edinburgh) 6.95. Triple jump: A Ireland (Cleveland) 12.98. Shot: B Robb (Babcock Pitreavie) 14.79. Discus: Robb 46.94. Javelin: R Lyon (Kilmarnock) 50.40. Junior women: 100m: G Hegney (City of Glasgow) 12.16sec. 200m: L McConnell (City of Glasgow) 24.93. 400m: J Palka (City of Glasgow) 56.96. 800m: S Scott (City of Glasgow) 2min 19.96sec. 1,500m: S Fairweather (City of Glasgow) 4:33.00. 3,000m: L Moody (City of Glasgow) 10:02.38. 100m hurdles: J Suddes (N Shields Poly) 15.54sec. 400m hurdles: K Hanson (Norway) 63.02. High jump: E Kerr (Ayr Seaforth) 1.70m. Long jump: F Hunter (Dundee Hawkhill) 5.42. Triple jump: Hunter 11.01. Shot: N Dhaliwal (City of Glasgow) 12.84. Discus: D Navedeep (City of Glasgow) 38.26. Hammer: C Garden (Babcock Pitreavie) 47.66. Javelin: J Walker (Kilmarnock) 41.94

BALLROOM DANCING

BOURNEMOUTH: United Kingdom closed championships: Amateur ten dance: 1, S Syeum and K Lagden (London); 2, P Neligan and M Walker (Kent); 3, A Walker and H Denton Holmes (Blackburn); 4, W Brown and K Lunn (Scot); 5, G Taplin and L Hammond (Eastbourne); 6, R Windsor and C House (Ipswich). Senior modern: 1, P and L Mitchinson (Redcar); 2, A and K Sharratt (Merseyside); 3, W and I Diekers (Portsmouth); 4, J and C Banks (Whitley Bay); 5, M and C Culshaw (Leeds); 6, S and C Madden (Oldham). Senior latin: 1, A and G Newman (Rochdale); 2, M and E Long (Southampton); 3, I and S O'Neil (Shipley); 4, S and C Madden (Oldham); 5, R and M Sudell (Datchett); 6, W and I Diekers (Portsmouth).

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 4 Boston 6; Kansas City 2 Chicago 3; Milwaukee 5 Toronto 7; Minnesota 5 Cleveland 4; Oakland 9 Texas 1; Seattle 8 California 0; Baltimore 1 New York 4;

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago 6 St Louis 7; Cincinnati 7 Pittsburgh 6; Montreal 5 Philadelphia 2; Atlanta 15 Florida 10, New York 5 Houston 7; New York 10 Houston 3; Colorado 8 San Diego 4; Los Angeles 0 San Francisco 6.

BOWLS

ABERDEEN: Woolwich Scottish Masters: Final: H U Duff (Scot) bt R Corsie (Scot) 7-3, 7-2.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of two: Southill Park: Bedfordshire 200-8 (R N Dalton 58) and 33-1; Norfolk 227-8 (T J Boon 101 not out) Truro: Dorset 277-8 (J Cassell 74, S W D Rintoul 50) and 5-0; Cornwall 173 (S M Williams 79, D Mascarenhas 7-64). Brockhampton: Wiltshire 223-5 (D J M Mercer 71, N A Stoddard 51) and 37-0; Herefordshire 264-5 (S R Bevins 67 not out, R P Skyrme 52) Bowdon: Berkshire 229-3 (N W Pitcher 82, T L Hall 70 not out) and 4-6; Cheshire 226-7 (I Cockbain 61 not out, M Saxelby 56).

SCHOOLS MATCH: *Colchester 234-9, Bedford Modern 236-5 (* denotes home team)

CROQUET

HURLINGHAM: British open championships: Finals: Men's singles: R Fulford bt A Westerby +24tp, -26tp, +26tp, -13tpo, +26tp. Men's doubles: C Clarke and Fulford bt A le Moignan and Westerby +26tp, +50tp. Association Plate: S Cornish. Solomon Peeling Trophy: Fulford.

FOOTBALL

INTERTOTO CUP: Group one: Aalborg (Den) 4 Cliftonville (N Ire) 0. Group three: Orebro (Swe) 4 Maribor Branik (Slovakia) 1. Group six: Segesta Sisak (Cro) 2 Stade Rennais (Fr) 1; Orgryte IS (Swe) 3 Hapoel Tel Aviv (Isr) 0. Group seven: Antalyaspor (Tur) 2 Rotor Volgograd (Russ) 1.

EXHIBITION MATCH: Brazil 2 Fifa All Stars 1 (in East Rutherford, New Jersey).

GOLF

FRANKFURT: Stella Senior Open: Final scores (GB and Ireland unless stated): 201: T Horton 66, 67, 68. 203: N Ratcliffe (Aus) 70, 67, 66. 206: B Huggett 71, 65, 70. 207: R Campagnoli (It) 70, 67, 70. 209: J Morgan 71, 69, 69; M Gregson 69, 72, 68.

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia: Michelob championship: Final scores (all US): 265: S Hoch 64, 68, 66, 67. 269: T Purtzer 66, 68, 69, 66. 272: M Bradley 69, 67, 70, 66; T Tryba 70, 70, 65, 67. 273: D Pride 67, 68, 67, 71. 274: T Armour III 67, 67, 71, 69; D Edwards 67, 70, 67, 70. 276: O Browne 69, 69, 70, 67; D Hammond 69, 68, 70, 68; M McCumber 66, 67, 70, 70

DEARBORN, Michigan: Senior players championship: Final scores (US unless stated): 275: R Floyd 71, 68, 65, 73. 277: H Irwin 70, 67, 69, 71. 280: B Barnes (GB) 74, 70, 67, 69. 281: J Kiefer 72, 74, 67, 68; J McGee 70, 68, 69, 74. 282: G Gilbert 68, 72, 72, 70; R Charles (NZ) 67, 72, 70, 73. 283: R Thompson 74, 70, 71, 68; C Peete 72, 68, 71, 72; D Stockton 74, 68, 69, 72; L Gilbert 71, 71, 69, 72; L Trevino 67, 71, 71, 74. Other score: 290: A Jacklin (GB) 75, 75, 71, 69

WARREN, Ohio: LPGA Classic: Final scores (US unless stated): 200: M McGann 71, 64, 65. 203: K Saiki 68, 67, 68. 205: K Robbins 67, 70, 68. 206: L Brower 71, 70, 65. 207: J Anderson 74, 65, 68; T Green 68, 71, 68; V Goetze 70, 68, 69; Deb Richard 69, 65, 73. 208: P Hurst 69, 73, 66; L West 69, 69, 70. Other scores: 210: K Webb (Aus) 71, 65, 74. 213: K Lunn (Aus) 72, 69, 72. 215: M Figueras, Dotti (Sp) 72, 73, 70; H Dobson (GB) 72, 72, 71; A-M Palli (Fr) 71, 72, 72. 216: A Dibos (Peru) 76, 67, 73; C H Koch (Swe) 73, 70, 73. 217: T Johnson (GB) 71, 74, 72; J Lidback (Peru) 70, 71, 76. 218: C Nilsmark (Swe) 68, 73, 77. 219: S Croce (It) 73, 71, 75.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BISLEY: NRA Imperial meeting (teams of 12; 900 and 1,000 yds): Australia 1,160 140pts. Match rifle Whitehead Cup (900 and 1,000 yds): J Pugsley (Pesca) 148.21/25.4. RG ammunition: J Bensley (Aus) 143.16. Halford Cup (1,000 and 1,100 yds): N Tremlett (Windsor) 146.20/25.4. RG ammunition: M Ayling (LMRA) 140.15. Wimbledon Cup (1,100 yds): S Collings (Windsor) 100.15. Cottesloe Cup: D Friend (Sussex) 100/30.4. RG ammunition aggregate: G Ayling (LMRA) 466.38. Inter-Service cadet meeting: Bossom Trophy (grand aggregate): Sgt J Davies (1344 ATC Cardiff) 237. Cadet 100 Trophy: Davies 190. Inter-Cadet Force Trophy: ACT 353. Watts Bowl: E Coy (Derby) 176. Montgomery of Alamein Cup: E Coy, Derbyshire ACF. Weekend aggregate: H Butcher (NRCS) 585.69. Armourers medal (20 shots at 1,200 yds): P Charlton (Stock Exchange) 98.10/25.4. Edge Cup (20 shots at 1,100 and 1,200 yds): P Chance (Club XXV) 192.16. Hopton Cup (standings): G Barnard (Northants) 768.94

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Sheffield Eagles 34 Leeds 31. First division: Huddersfield Giants 56 Batley Bulldogs 6. Second division: Bramley 12 Carlisle 48; Hull KR 44 Chorley Magpies 16.

SQUASH

CAIRO: World junior men's championship (selected results): First round: T Vail (Eng) bt R Bhuppu (India) 9-3, 9-3, 9-5; S Hall (Scot) bt K Ahmed (Ken) 9-6, 9-3, 9-0; D Knowles (Scot) bt D Wheeler (Berm) 9-0, 9-0, 0-2; J Russell (Eng) bt M Abbas (Egypt) 8-10, 9-3, 9-2, 9-2; G Tippings (Wales) bt M Nicoli (It) 9-0, 9-0 9-2; N Dukes (Wales) bt P Kelly (US) 9-3, 9-4, 9-0; A Behl (India) bt C Davies (Wales) 6-9, 9-3, 10-9, 9-5; P Allen (Eng) bt F Al-Dalali (Kuw) 9-1, 9-0, 9-2; A Grant (Eng) bt R Nascimiento (Br) 9-5, 9-0, 9-5; L Beachill (Eng) bt J Barilari (Arg) 9-1, 9-2, 9-0; P Yik (Can) bt M Benjamin (Wales) 4-9, 9-6, 9-6, 5-9, 9-6; P Faizol (Arg) bt C Small (Scot) 4-9, 9-3, 9-6, 9-0; M Deya (Egypt) bt A Tasker (Scot) 9-3, 7-9, 2-9, 9-5, 10-8; G Cosby (NZ) bt S Holiday (Scot) 9-3, 9-0, 9-0. Second round: Allan bt J Bulbo (Fr) 9-2, 9-5, 9-2; Grant bt M Yiannou (Cyp) 9-3, 9-0, 9-1; Beachill bt V Cheung (HK) 9-1, 9-0, 9-0; A Ricketts (Aus) bt Duke 9-6, 9-4, 9-4; M Zaman (Pak) bt Tippings 5-9, 9-5, 9-2, 9-3; Russell bt T Berden (Holl) 9-0, 9-1, 7-9, 9-4; Vail bt J delPozo (Sp) 9-0, 9-0, 9-0; S Islam Khan (Pak) bt Hall 9-2, 9-1, 9-2; R Bartel (Ger) bt Knowles 9-4, 9-7, 9-3. Third round: Fauzy bt Vail 9-4, 9-2, 9-3; Bartel bt Islam Khan 9-7, 9-5, 0-9, 7-9, 9-7; Amjad Khan (Pak) bt O Tuominen (Fin) 9-4, 9-1, 9-3; J Russell (Eng) bt P Peters (Aus) 9-1, 9-0, 9-6.

SWIMMING

LEEDS: ASA national championships: Men: 400m freestyle: 1, I Wilson (Leeds) 3min 58.84sec; 2, G Hudson (Portsmouth Northsea) 3:59.37, 3 C Mills (Rochdale Aquabears) 4:02.53. 200m breaststroke: 1, J Tunstall (Liverpool) 2:23.26, 2 A Turner (Manchester United Salford) 2:23.67, 3 D Warren (Leeds) 2:24.57. 100m backstroke: 1, E Groumi (Isr) 58.16sec; 2, T Riley (Man Utd Salford) 59.80, 3 S Mittis (Regent Tiger) 60.07. 50m butterfly: 1, D Jones (Ealing) 25.70; 2, C Black (St Thomas) 25.81; 3, Groumi 26.10. 4 x 100m freestyle relay: Bristol 3min 34.28sec. Women: 400m freestyle: 1, S Collings (Bradford) 4:18.21, 2, H Billington (St Helens) 4:21.45, 3 K Bunclark (Orpington) 4:24.76. 50m backstroke: 1, S Price (Barnet Copthall) 31.18sec; 2, K Osher (Ealing) 31.19; 3 S Lambert (Selby Tigers) 31.64. 100m breaststroke: 1, J Hocking (Truro) 1min 13.21sec; 2, L Middlemore (Sheffield) 1:14.28; 3, R Plaxton (Leeds) 1:14.35. 200m individual medley: 1, Osher 2:22.58; 2, J Swallow (Brentwood) 2:23.74; 3, D Palmer (Killerwhales) 2:23.89. 4 x 200m freestyle relay: Bradford 8:38.30.

TENNIS

NEWPORT, Rhode Island: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: N Pereira (Ven) bt L Paes (India) 6-4, 6-2; G Stafford (SA) bt D Nestor (Can) 6-2, 6-2. Final: Pereira bt Stafford 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

In the 1996 Premier League match between Hackett and Sowter, both North-South pairs bid this hand to a poor grand slam.

Dealer North **Game all** **Teams**

♠J 8
♥A 5 4
♦K 4 2
♣A 6 5 4 2

♠10 2
♥9 8 7 3 2
♦Q 7 6 5
♣K 7

♠7 6 4
♥10 6
♦J 9 8
♣J 10 9 8 3

♠A K Q 9 5 3
♥K Q J
♦A 10 3
♣Q

Contract: Seven Spades by South **Lead: Nine of hearts**

North	South
1 NT (1)	3 S (2)
3 NT	4 D (3)
4 H (3)	4 NT (4)
5 H (5)	5 NT (6)
6 D (7)	7 S
All Pass	

(1) 12-14. (2) Single suited slam try. (3) Cue-bid. (4) Roman Keycard Blackwood. (5) Two of five aces (the king of spades counts as an ace). (6) Asking for specific kings. (7) King of diamonds.

After my Six Diamonds, Senior could count 12 tricks (six in spades, three in hearts and three in the minors) and reasonably enough thought that there would be plenty of chances for a thirteenth — I might have had four hearts, for example. Forrester and Robson bid almost identically, but, over Six Diamonds, Forrester bid Six Hearts. This was technically the correct bid, asking Robson if he had a little bit extra somewhere, but it put Robson on the rack. Eventually he bid Seven Spades, as he felt that his fifth club, allied to the jack of spades, might provide the final trick.

In practice, the chances in Seven Spades are not quite good enough to make it worth bidding. If it were all about whether the clubs split 4-3 (62 per cent by the way), that would be sufficient, but the clubs can only be ruffed out if the spades are 3-2.

That makes the grand slam less than the 57 per cent chance needed. There is a small chance that the player holding the clubs might also have to guard the diamonds. However, that does not improve the chances by much. Here, nothing worked, so both declarers went one down.

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess correspondent

Unification agreement

Kirsan Ilumzinov, the president of Fide (World Chess Federation) and Andrei Makarov, the president of the Russian Chess Federation, have announced jointly that Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov, *champions respectively of the rival* PCA (Professional Chess Association) and Fide, have agreed to play a world championship match to unify the titles.

The match is planned to have a prize fund of $2 million and will take place in 1997, probably in Russia.

Dortmund tie

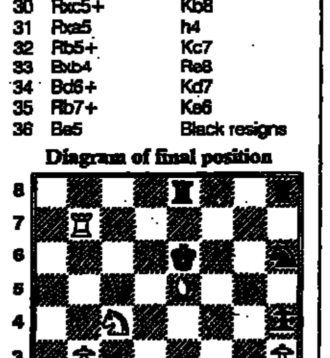
The category 18 international contest at Dortmund finished over the weekend and resulted in a tie for first place between Vladimir Kramnik, of Russia, and Viswanathan Anand, of India. The average rating of the tournament was 2,676 on the international scale.

White: Viswanathan Anand
Black: Judit Polgar
Dortmund, July 1996

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nc3	d6
3	Nf3	a6
4	d4	cxd4
5	Nxd4	Nf6
6	Be2	e6
7	0-0	Nbd7
8	f4	b5
9	Bf3	Bb7
10	e5	Bxf3
11	Nxf3	dxe5
12	fxe5	Ng4
13	Qe2	b4
14	Na4	Rc8
15	Bf4	Qa5
16	b3	Qb5
17	Rae1	h5
18	Qd2	Nc5
19	Nb2	Rd8
20	Qe2	Qxe2
21	Rxe2	f5
22	exf6	gxf6
23	Bd2	a5
24	Nc4	e5
25	h3	Nh6
26	Nfxe5	fxe5
27	Rxe5+	Kd7
28	Rd5+	Kc8
29	Rxf8	Rdxf8
30	Rxc5+	Kb8
31	Rxa5	h4
32	Rb5+	Kc7
33	Bxb4	Ra8
34	Bd6+	Kd7
35	Rb7+	Ke6
36	Be5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1 Kramnik	—	½	½	1	1	1	½	1	1	½	7
2 Anand	½	—	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	7
3 Gelfand	½	½	—	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	6
4 Polgar	0	0	½	—	1	½	1	0	1	½	4½
5 Adams	0	½	½	0	—	½	1	½	½	1	4½
6 Shirov	0	½	0	½	½	—	½	1	0	1	4
7 Topalov	½	0	½	0	0	½	—	½	1	1	4
8 Hübner	0	0	½	1	½	0	½	—	½	½	3½
9 Lobron	0	0	0	0	½	1	0	½	—	½	2½
10 Lautier	½	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	½	—	2

In the above table, 1 represents a win, ½ a draw and 0 a loss

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By Philip Howard

CORYBANTES
a. A sacramental man
b. An Egyptian ring
c. An ancient Greek play

PAM
a. A Gibbsian dictator
b. The jack of clubs
c. The assembly of the people

DYVOUR
a. A bankrupt man
b. An irrigation tunnel
c. A Middle-Eastern tiger

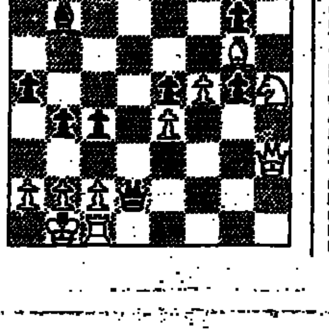
MAUDLIN
a. Gifts from the sovereign
b. A hermit
c. Stupidly sentimental

Answers on page 42

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Westyn — Fridriksson, Sweden, 1973. White has a tactical threat of his own here: 1, Nf6+ and if 1, ... gxf6; 2, Qh7+ and 3, Qf7 mate. However, it is Black to play and he got his own combination in first. What did he play?

Solution on page 42



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COMPANY GOLF DAYS
RESULTS

The four top scorers in the individual Stableford competitions played on the company golf days listed below now comprise the company team eligible to qualify for a regional final.

Date	Company name	Venue	Score
12 JUN	COSTAIN SKANSKA JV B MITCHELL 31 G SAMUELSON 36 * D BIRD 35 * C WHITE 36 MCCARRON 36 G BODEN 36 J JOHNSTON 35 R MCGRATH 35	ST MARYS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	138
14 JUN	CROWN WINDOWS T COLES 32 E DRUMMOND 38 C CORNFIELD 37 N COCKINGS 39	CHURSTON	144
14 JUN	PAUL . DAVIDSON . TAYLOR N COOK 32 * M RICHARDSON 35 * N JOHNSON 36 * D DREW 36	SLINFOLD PARK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	140
24 JUN	WILLIS CORROON NORTH LTD M HAMMOND 39 P ROBBINS 38 K JOBSON 37 I HARDWICK 38	HARROGATE	151
26 JUN	THE VODAFONE CENTRE L MORGAN 38 P CARTRIDGE 42 A GRAY 41 M SMITH 39	BRANSFORD	160
26 JUN	BRITISH MIDLAND AIRWAYS M HUNT 38 * K ALLDER 39 * M EYLES 34 * J HICKS 33	SUTTON GREEN	144
28 JUN	GRANT THORNTON P BROOKE 33 * H MARSHALL 35 * C HESP 34 * P TONER 33	COTSWOLD HILLS	135
01 JUL	RSBS GROUP N COLE 39 F WIGGINS 38 D BACON 42 A HASKER 42	HAMMONDS END	161
03 JUL	HALCROW FOX B JONES 31 M SMITH 29 D KENNEDY 29 * D HUTCHINSON 33	CIRENCESTER	122
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RACING: EUROPEANS CHALLENGED TO SEND STRONG TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA'S SHOWPIECE

Celeric in line for Melbourne Cup

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

WHEN the English cricket team arrived in Australia two years ago for a renewal of the Ashes contests, it was greeted with a headline in a Sydney newspaper which pointedly asked: The Poms: Are They Up To It? They were not, and similar questions are now being voiced about British *racehorses and their owners.*

Les Benton, the general manager of the Victoria Racing Club (VRC) with responsibility for generating international entries and interest in the Melbourne Cup, yesterday indulged in a light-hearted sideswipe at "Pommie" owners by challenging them to bring horses to Melbourne to prove that they are the best in the world.

Three years after Vintage Crop, trained by Dermot Weld and ridden by Mick Kinane, become the first horse from the northern hemisphere to win the cup, Benton is hoping for up to 15 European entries for the £1.1 million race, which will bring Australia to a halt on November 5. Entries close on July 30, but there are doubts about how many will make the journey.

"The challenge is there for English and Irish owners to take up," Benton said. "I *would be very disappointed* if they don't take it up. Why have horses that are fit and well staying at home when they are capable of winning premier races on the world calendar?"

Warming to his theme, Benton added: "We think the English, Irish and Europeans should take up the challenge if they have any go in them. Australians have always been great competitors and the northern hemisphere people should take us on.

"I would not like to think the English have not got the bottle to take on the Australians on their own ground. If they think they have got the best horses, bring them down to Australia and show us just how good they are."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: GREATEST
(3.45 Brighton)
Next best: Song Mist
(2.15 Brighton)

Celeric, nearside, delivers a winning challenge to Istabraq at York. Future objectives could include the Melbourne Cup. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

The British owner at the forefront of the barrage of words is Christopher Spence, whose colours are carried by the admirable Celeric, winner *of the Northumberland Plate* and, more recently, a listed race at York on Saturday.

I suggested to Spence in the spring that Celeric was an ideal candidate for the Melbourne Cup, and events of recent weeks have confirmed my view. The four-year-old is likely to receive a racing weight from the VRC handicapper on September 1, but in 12 months' time he could be burdened with top weight.

Spence indicated yesterday that he is up to meeting Benton's challenge. "We are mindful to go, subject to the horse being all right. Celeric is well and, provided he gets a decent handicap mark, it is a serious option. David Morley [the trainer of Celeric] spoke to Les Benton at York and believes *we must take it seriously."*

The cost of flying a horse to Melbourne and back is be*tween £30,000 and £40,000.* However, the prize-money for the cup has been extended to tenth place for the first time this year. The horses placed sixth to tenth will each win £15,000, while prize-money for the first five is £750,000, £220,000, £100,000, £44,000 and £22,000.

Vintage Crop, third in the cup last year, is likely to have a *prep race before attempting to* win the Irish St Leger for a third time. If all goes well, he is likely to make the trip for the *fourth time.*

The Middleham-based trainer, Mark Johnston, who has run Quick Ransom and Double Trigger respectively in the last two renewals, is expected to enter Double Trigger and Double Eclipse, while the Clive Brittain-trained Luso, the winner of the Earl Of Sefton Stakes and runner-up in the Prix Ganay, is also pencilled in, along with the Robert Sangster-owned Court Of Honour.

Doubts surrounding the participation of English runners in the Melbourne Cup is reflected in the ante-post book opened yesterday by Ladbrokes, who installed *Saintly* as its 16-1 favourite to provide Bart Cummings with his tenth cup victory.

Ladbrokes bets: 16-1 Saintly, 20-1 Nothin Leica Dane, 25-1 Doriemus, 33-1 Crying Game, Vialli, Celeric, Double Eclipse, Vintage Crop, 40-1 Court Of Honour and Luso.

☐ Pat Eddery, Olivier Peslier, Frankie Dettori, Michael Roberts, Jason Weaver and Yutake Take have been invited to take part in a world jockeys' championship against six Australian riders. They will compete in eight races staged at Melbourne and Sydney between January 16 and 26 next year.

Lady Carla has York target

LADY CARLA, only fourth to Dance Design in the Kildangan Stud Irish Oaks as a 2-1 on favourite, has the Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks at York on August 21 as her next objective, provided she is given the all-clear after her run on Sunday.

Captain Tim Bulwer-Long, owner Wafic Said's racing manager, was yesterday at a loss to explain Lady Carla's failure at the Curragh. "All the reports from Ireland before she left were that she is fine," he said. "We don't know *why she ran disappointingly, but it could have* been the ground. This was her third race on fast ground. She was never an intended runner in the King George at Ascot. Her next objective, and this remains the same, is the Yorkshire Oaks."

Lady Carla had been a general 5-1 chance in bookmakers' ante-post lists for the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot on July 27, but has been removed from the betting on the race.

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Spread firms to join forces

BY RICHARD EVANS

CITY INDEX and Sporting *Index, the driving forces* behind the spread betting revolution of the 1990s, are to merge, it was disclosed yesterday.

Discussions are already under way between the two companies, and a holding company, which incorporates both concerns, is likely to be formed by the autumn. No redundancies are expected.

Jonathan Sparke, the managing director of City Index, said: "We would hope the legal and financial arrangements for the merger will be concluded by the end of September."

The success of City Index and Sporting Index has forced both William Hill and Ladbrokes to dip their toes into *spread betting, and the expected* merger will see City Index concentrate on financial spreads with Sporting Index *specialising in sports betting.*

Compton Hellyer, chairman of Sporting Index, said: "This is a completely friendly merger. Several months ago City Index came to us and suggested we got together. There are obvious cost savings, including an estimated half a million pounds in advertising and teletext costs.

"Our board decided some time ago we would like to go into financial spread betting because the profits, although less exciting, are more secure. One of the ways was to develop our own financial *spread betting client base,* which would have taken time and have needed official approval, or we could go in with *a well-based firm which is* good at finance. So we decided to join up with City Index.

"We will do the sport and *they will do the finance and* one company will own both of us. We want to be the biggest and best in spread betting," Hellyer added.

The holding company will be chaired by Michael Whitaker, the chairman of City Index, and the three key executive directors will be Hellyer, Sparke and Lindsay McNeile, the finance director of Sporting Index.

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright
suggests the best value in the ante-post market

VODAC STEWARDS' CUP
Goodwood, August 3

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Coastal Bluff	12-1	7-1	8-1	9-1
Wildwood Flower	14-1	14-1	14-1	20-1
Iktamal	16-1	10-1	14-1	10-1
Cyrano's Lad	14-1	20-1	14-1	20-1
Prince Babar	12-1	14-1	14-1	16-1
To The Roof	12-1	14-1	14-1	14-1
Anzio	16-1	20-1	20-1	25-1
Emerging Market	16-1	20-1	16-1	20-1
Saseedo	16-1	20-1	16-1	20-1
Sir Joey	20-1	20-1	20-1	25-1
Jayannpee	20-1	25-1	20-1	25-1
Shikari's Son	33-1	25-1	33-1	25-1

The Vodac Stewards' Cup, one of the season's major betting races, has bookmakers at odds with each other at the moment with running plans for several leading contenders uncertain. As a result, there are some good value prices on offer about several of the leading contenders.

Coastal Bluff heads most lists after overcoming a poor draw at York last Friday. He receives a 3lb penalty for that success and the 12-1 on offer with Coral looks good when compared to 7-1 with Hills. However, his trainer, David Barron, has stated that he will run only if there is some cut in the ground.

Emerging Market beat Prince Babar in the Wokingham at Royal Ascot, but both may be better served by a stiffer track than Goodwood. Of the Wokingham runners, To The Roof makes most appeal. He finished sixth there from a bad draw, and his latest run at Sandown can be ignored as he was again poorly berthed. He had won his three previous starts and is fairly priced at 14-1.

Shikari's Son had statisticians scratching their heads last year when becoming the first eight-year-old since the war to win the Stewards' Cup. He has been disappointing for the most part this season, but has come tumbling down the weights as a result and is now 8lb lower than a year ago. He showed clear signs of a return to form when fifth at Epsom 13 days ago, and was cut to 25-1 by Hills at the weekend. Still 33-1 with Coral and Ladbrokes, **SHIKARI'S SON** is worth an each-way wager.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Ayr

Going: good to firm

2.15 (6f) 1, THE LAMBTON WORM (K Fallon, 5-4); 2, Canadian Fantasy (R Hills, Evens fav); 3, Hong Kong Express (J Carroll, 40-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Cairn Dhu (5th), Madison Welcome (4th). 5 ran. NR: The Four Isles. 1½l, 6l, 1½l, 1l. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £2.60; £1.60, £1.10. DF: £1.10. CSF: £2.48.

2.45 (5f) 1, OSOMENTAL (F Norton, 4-1); 2, Maid By The Fire (T Quinn, 3-1); 3, Plan For Profit (R Hills, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Express Girl (5th), 20 Lycius Touch (6th), Molly Drummond, 25 Little Blue (4th). 7 ran. 1½l, 3l, ¾l, hd, 3½l. D Haydn Jones at Pontypridd. Tote: £5.20; £2.20, £2.20. DF: £8.10. CSF: £15.46.

3.15 (7f) 1, KING CURAN (T Quinn, 11-1); 2, Marjaana (R Hills, 8-1); 3, Somerton Boy (Dale Gibson, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Bollin Dorothy, Quilling, 6 Finisterre (4th), 7 Erlon, 10 Mister Westsound (6th), 12 Don Pepe (5th). 9 ran. 3½l, nk, 2l, 2l, ½l. D Haydn Jones at Pontypridd. Tote: £13.70; £2.70, £2.00, £2.10. DF: £42.90. Trio: £171.90. CSF: £87.50. Tricast: £305.32.

3.45 (1m 2f) 1, MONTJOY (T Quinn, 8-11 fav); 2, Musetta (B Doyle, 10-1); 3, Desert Shot (K Fallon, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Fahal (5th), 13-2 Captain Horatius (4th), 100 Leonato (6th). 6 ran. Nk, 3½l, sh hd, ½l, 1½l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £3.10. DF: £7.10. CSF: £7.78.

4.15 (1m 2f) 1, HAWWAM (J Lowe, 25-1); 2, North Ardar (S Copp, 11-8 fav); 3, Veshca Lady (K Darley, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Diamond Crown (5th), 6 Time For A Glass (4th), 10 Haido'hart, 14 Oakbury, 16 Forzair (6th), 33 Heathyards Magic, 66 Tolepa, 400 Midas Man. 11 ran. NR: Ihtimaam, Trumped. 1l, 2l, hd, 3½l, 5l. E Alston at Longton. Tote: £24.80; £3.60, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £18.90. Trio: £44.60. CSF: £60.18. No bid.

4.45 (5f) 1, KING OF SHOW (A Culhane, 50-1); 2, *Camionneur* (J Lowe, 4-1); 3, Ready Teddy (K Darley, 11-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 River Tern, 8 Blue Lugana, China Hand (4th), 9 Hamilton Gold, Rinus Manor (6th), 10 Forzara, 25 Fancy Clancy, Lord Cornelious (5th). 11 ran. 1¼l, 3½l, ½l, 1l, nk. R Allan at Cornhill-on-Tweed. Tote: £32.20; £5.10, £2.30, £1.50. DF: £133.20. Trio: £80.60. CSF: £236.01. Tricast: £714.50.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £5,082.46 carried forward to Beverley today).

Placepot: £16.20. Quadpot: £5.50.

Folkestone

Going: good to firm

2.00 (6f 189yd) 1, SUN O'TIROL (Paul Eddery, 7-1); 2, Smugurs (J Quinn, 7-4 fav); 3, Falls O'Moness (D R McCabe, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 5 Scarrots (5th), 15-2 *Mystic Quest (4th),* 14 Sharazamataz (6th). 6 ran. NR: Flower Hill Lad. Nk, nk, nk, 3½l, ½l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £9.10; £3.30, £1.50. DF: £11.00. CSF: £19.38.

2.30 (6f) 1, LIMA (O Urbina, 9-4); 2, Signs And Wonders (S Sanders, 16-1); 3, Aficionado (J Reid, Evens fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Hever Golf Dancer (5th), 20 Diamond Lil (6th), Kewarra (4th). 6 ran. NR: Bold Oriental. ½l, 2l, 2l, 3½l, 8l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50; £1.80, £3.00. DF: £23.40. CSF: £27.42.

3.00 (6f) 1, PRIDE OF HAYLING (N Varley, 3-1); 2, Scissor Ridge (J Quinn, 100-30); 3, Fighter Squadron (A Daly, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Robo Magic (4th), 4 Waders Dream (6th), 12 Classic Pet (5th), 25 Hong Kong Dollar. 7 ran. 1½l, 3½l, 1½l, hd, 1½l. P Hedger at Chichester. Tote: £3.70; £2.00, £2.80. DF: £5.80. CSF: £12.59.

3.30 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, PISTOL (Paul Eddery, 5-2); 2, Kaafih Homm (Dane O'Neill, 6-5 fav); 3, Baranov (D Harrison, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Another Fiddle (4th), *10 Forever Noble (5th).* 5 ran. Hd, 2l, 6l, 10l. C Horgan at Wokingham. Tote: £2.40; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £2.50. CSF: £5.70.

4.00 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, NELLY'S COUSIN (Dane O'Neill, 12-1); 2, Guesstimation (G Bardwell, 7-2); 3, Te Amo (S Sanders, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav *Statajack (4th),* 13-2 Global Dancer (6th), 12 Indian Jockey, 14 Proud Image (5th), 16 Brass Tacks, 20 Akiymann, 33 Rookery Girl, 40 Precedency (pu). 11 ran. ½l, 1l, nk, 3½l, 3l. N Callaghan at Newmarket. Tote: £19.80; £4.10, £1.10, £3.50. DF: £23.30. Trio: £51.50. CSF: £50.97.

4.30 (1m 4f) 1, NIKITA'S STAR (Dane O'Neill, 3-1); 2, Again Together (P McCabe, 7-2); 3, Crimson Rosella (R Cochrane, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Uoni (5th), 12 Burning Flame (4th). 5 ran. NR: Poly My Son. 2½l, hd, 8l, 2½l. D Murray Smith at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.60; £1.60, £2.00. DF: £3.60. CSF: £12.87.

5.00 (1m 4f) 1, CANDLE SMOKE (Gaye Harwood, 6-1); 2, Crandon Boulevard (Aimee Cook, 10-1); 3, Antonia Bin (R Mullen, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Spring Campaign (6th), 3 Soviet King (4th), 9-2 Fast Forward Fred (5th). 6 ran. 2½l, 2½l, 1½l, 8l, 9l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £7.10; £3.70, £3.10. DF: £20.00. CSF: £52.72.

Placepot: £38.10. Quadpot: £7.20.

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Eddery double at Folkestone

PAUL EDDERY and Dane O'Neill each rode two winners at Folkestone yesterday. Eddery had a 27-1 double on Sun O'Tirol (7-1) and Pistol (5-2), and O'Neill prevailed with Nelly's Cousin (12-1) and Nikita's Star (3-1). Pistol was winning for the fourth time over course and distance in the *Broadstairs Limited Stakes,* having never won anywhere else.

Eddery dashed Pistol through on the inside a furlong and a half out and held on by a head from Kaafih Homm, the fast-finishing 6-5 favourite. The jockey initiated his double on Sun O'Tirol in the Hurst Green Maiden Auc*tion Stakes, the colt beating* Smugurs by a neck.

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER
2.15 Song Mist. 2.45 Poly Moon. 3.15 Diamond Beach. *3.45 Greatest. 4.15* ***IN THE BAND*** *(nap).* 4.45 Crystal Heights.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
3.45 Toujours Riviera. 4.45 Gentle Irony.

GOING: FIRM SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND KEMP TOWN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,315: 5f 213yd) (5 runners)

1	(3)	0	AIM SEVEN 19 R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill (3)	80
2	(4)	U36	TEAR WHITE 43 (B) T Mills 9-0	Mark Lynch	86
3	(5)		BEACONSCOT D Loder 8-9	Pat Eddery	–
4	(1)		CHAIRMANS DAUGHTER P Cole 8-9	T Sprake	–
5	(2)	42	SONG MIST 13 P Cole 8-9	T Quinn	[illegible]

6-4 Song Mist, 11-4 Beaconscot, 3-1 Aim Seven, 7-2 Chairmans Daughter, 10-1 Tear White.

2.45 STEINE CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,381: 6f 209yd) (7)

1	(2)	03	SURPRISE EVENT 14 W G M Turner 9-1	T Sprake	93
2	(4)	1300	GROVEFAIR FLYER 6 (B,F) B Meehan 9-0	M Tebbutt	[illegible]
3	(1)	4546	SPONDULICKS 6 R Hannon 8-13	Dane O'Neill (3)	98
4	(3)	01	BARNWOOD CRACKERS 34 (F) N Callaghan 8-11	Pat Eddery	96
5	(6)		HOT SHOT G L Moore 8-11	S Whitworth	–
6	(7)	0531	RONS REVENGE 10 (D,F) M Ryan 8-11	G Bardwell	91
7	(5)	432	POLY MOON 70 M Channon 8-10	T Quinn	91

7-2 Barnwood Crackers, 4-1 Surprise Event, Poly Moon, 9-2 Spondulicks, 5-1 Grovefair Flyer, Rons Revenge, 10-1 Hot Shot.

3.15 WATERHALL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,961: 6f 209yd) (5)

1	(3)	2352	ANAK-KU 20 (B) Miss G Kelleway 9-0	T Quinn	84
2	(5)	0	ATLANTIC STORM 99 J Gosden 9-0	W Ryan	–
3	(2)	0-32	DIAMOND BEACH 24 B Hills 9-0	Pat Eddery	[illegible]
4	(1)		QUINZE M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield	–
5	(4)	8-	LADY ISABELL 306 S Dow 8-9	M Roberts	–

4-6 Diamond Beach, 4-1 Atlantic Storm, 9-2 Anak-Ku, 7-1 Quinze, 16-1 Lady Isabell.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; M Prescott, 14 from 52, 26.9%; R Flower, 7 from 27, 25.9%; R Akehurst, 23 from 91, 25.3%; Lord Huntingdon, 9 from 36, 25.0%; J Gosden, 7 from 28, 25.0%; J Pearce, 4 from 20, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 24 winners from 86 rides, 27.9%; T Quinn, 45 from 221, 20.4%; S Sanders, 8 from 43, 18.6%; G Duffield, 18 from 98, 18.4%; D Harrison, 11 from 71, 15.5%; B Doyle, 13 from 88, 14.8%; A Daly, 4 from 27, 14.8%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Beverley: 2.00 Totally Different. 2.30 Oberons Boy. Brighton: 2.45 Grovefair Flyer. 3.15 Anak-Ku.

3.45 ERIC SIMMS MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£3,728: 7f 214yd) (7)

1	(4)	0060	TOUJOURS RIVIERA 7 (D,F,G) J Pearce 6-10-0	G Bardwell	97
2	(5)	5400	NIGHT WINK 13 (D,F,G) G L Moore 4-9-13	S Whitworth	97
3	(7)	0404	*CONFRONTER 17 (CD,G,S) S Dow 7-9-13*	*M Roberts*	95
4	(3)	-002	GREATEST 17 (CD,F,G) R Akehurst 5-8-13	T Quinn	[illegible]
5	(6)	2350	FORT KNOX 7 (B,C,D,F,G) R Flower 5-8-11	D Biggs	98
6	(2)	2543	SILVER HARROW 3 A Newcombe 3-8-5	Dane O'Neill (3)	98
7	(1)	0002	TOMAL 17 (F) R Ingram 4-7-11	A Daly (5)	92

7-2 Toujours Riviera, 4-1 Greatest, 5-1 Confronter, Fort Knox, Silver Harrow, Tomal, 8-1 Night Wink, 10-1 others.

4.15 FRIEND-JAMES MEMORIAL LIMITED STAKES (£2,381: 1m 3f 196yd) (5)

1	(5)	0026	GREENWICH AGAIN 29 (C,D,F,G) T Mills 4-9-7	Pat Eddery	84
2	(1)	3602	GENERAL MOUKTAR 3 (B,D,F,G) B Meehan 6-9-5	M Tebbutt	[illegible]
3	(4)	05P4	ROYAL EXPOSE 16 R Hannon 3-8-7	Dane O'Neill (3)	97
4	(2)	-230	IN THE BAND 136 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-4	D Harrison	96
5	(3)	-625	PERFECT GIFT 12 (BF) P Cole 3-8-4	T Quinn	93

6-4 General Mouktar, 7-4 Royal Expose, 5-1 Greenwich Again, In The Band, 6-1 Perfect Gift.

4.45 PAVILION HANDICAP (£3,098: 6f 209yd) (11)

1	(8)	6000	FAIRY KNIGHT 34 (F) R Hannon 4-10-0	Dane O'Neill (3)	97
2	(3)	2054	PEARL DAWN 13 (F,G) G L Moore 6-10-0	S Whitworth	96
3	(9)	2213	PERILOUS PLIGHT 12 (CD,F,G) W Muir 5-9-12	Pat Eddery	95
4	(5)	0404	SUPER PARK 12 (S) J Pearce 4-9-7	G Bardwell	91
5	(1)	0030	CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 20 (CD,F,G) R O'Sullivan 8-9-6	S Sanders	95
6	(10)	1163	GENTLE IRONY 8 (C,D,F,G,S) M Ryan 4-9-5	B Doyle	[illegible]
7	(6)	3003	MISLEMANI 16 (D,G) A Newcombe 6-9-0	D Griffiths (5)	90
8	(11)	3145	IVORY'S GRAB HIRE 8 (B,D,F) K Ivory 3-9-0	T Quinn	98
9	(4)	0310	SHARP IMP 13 (B,C,D,F,G) R Flower 6-8-12	D Biggs	96
10	(2)	3-55	AUDREY GRACE 8 Miss G Kelleway 5-8-8	T Sprake	86
11	(7)	3060	HANG A RIGHT 25 (D,F,G) C Dwyer 9-8-2	Nicola Cole (7)	90

7-2 Pearl Dawn, 5-1 Gentle Irony, Super Park, 6-1 Perilous Plight, Ivory's Grab Hire, 8-1 Crystal Heights, 10-1 others.

Montjoy gains first British group win

MONTJOY, runner-up to First Island in the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot, recorded his first group race victory in Britain when beating Musetta by a neck in the group three Tennent Caledonian Breweries Scottish Classic at Ayr yesterday.

Richard Quinn, who rode the 11-8 on favourite, had to pull out all the stops in the final furlong to overhaul the front-running Musetta. Montjoy is now likely to tackle the group one Grosser Dallmayr Preis-Bayerisches Zuchtrennen at Munich on August 4.

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER

2.00 Respecting	3.30 Swiss Coast
2.30 Uncle George	4.00 Hullbank
3.00 Kazimiera	4.30 Ned's Bonanza

Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 SWISS COAST.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 KILVINE (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 AST EUROPE APPRENTICES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,997: 1m 100yd) (15 runners)

101	(11)	503	RESPECTING 12 (M Vernon) Denys Smith 9-7	C Teague	94
102	(9)	35-0002	GULF OF SIAM 24 (J Hanson) Miss S Hall 9-2	Martin Dwyer (3)	91
103	(2)	503303	*LUCKY BEA 6 (D,G) (Bee Health Ltd) M W Easterby 9-2*	*G Parkin (5)*	96
104	(10)	022622	MELS BABY 12 (BF) (J Roberts (Wakefield)) J Eyre 8-12	M Henry	[illegible]
105	(6)	000033	BORN A LADY 11 (B,G) (Mrs P Barratt) S Bowring 8-7	J Edmunds (5)	96
106	(3)	60-00	ANIMATION 24 (E Jameson) K McAuliffe 8-6	R Havlin (3)	91
107	(13)	0-00056	RHYTHMIC BALL 27 (Newitt and Co Ltd) T Watson 8-4	C Webb (5)	98
108	(1)	0-46103	CONTRACT BRIDGE 15 (D,G) (Racegoers Spigot Lodge) C Thornton 8-4	G Mills (7)	92
109	(14)	040000	FALCON'S FLAME 11 (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 8-4	F Lynch	93
110	(15)	000-4	FAIRLY SURE 17 (Heavyweight Racing) N Berry 8-4	C Adamson (5)	89
111	(8)	000-00	COTTAGE PRINCE 8 (BF) (Mrs K Thomas) J Quinn 7-12	D Wright	84
112	(4)	00-00	TOTALLY DIFFERENT 10 (V) (T Morris) G Oldroyd 7-10	N Varley	–
113	(7)	00-04	FISIOSTAR 22 (B) (C Graham) M Dods 7-10	Darren Moffatt	87
114	(5)	000-0	*SIZZLING SERENADE 10 (N Bramma) J A Harris 7-10*	*R Mullen (5)*	80
115	(12)	00-000	KUDOS BLUE 50 (M Bebb) J Bethell 7-10	Nicola Stokes (7)	80

Long handicap: Totally Different 7-2, Fisiostar 7-2, Sizzling Serenade 7-0, Kudos Blue 6-12

BETTING: 9-2 Mels Baby, 5-1 Gulf Of Siam, Lucky Bea, 6-1 Falcon's Flame, 7-1 Contract Bridge, 10-1 Born A Lady, Respecting, 12-1 others.

1995: LORELEI LEE 9-0 H K Yim (10-1) J Berry 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

RESPECTING 13l 3rd of 9 to Sabotak in maiden at Ayr (1m, good to soft). GULF OF SIAM 1¾l 2nd of 9 to Elashath in handicap at Redcar (1m 1f, firm). LUCKY BEA neck and 2l 3rd of 12 to Chinensis in handicap at Ripon (1m, good). MELS BABY 1¼l 2nd of 10 to Silver Welcome in handicap at Catterick (7f, good to soft). BORN A LADY 2½l 3rd of 19 to Orchard Gold in selling handicap at Warwick (1m, good). RHYTHMIC BALL about 6¾l 6th of 11 to Marcobar in handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to firm) with FALCON'S FLAME (1lb worse off) 2¾l 9th. CONTRACT BRIDGE neck and 2l 3rd of 8 to Blenheim Terrace in rated stakes at Musselburgh (1m 3f, good).
FAIRLY SURE 9l 4th of 7 to Double Bluff in maiden auction at Lingfield (1m 1f, firm).
Selection: MELS BABY

2.30 WHIRLPOOL CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,163: 7f 100yd) (9 runners)

201	(1)	3134-00	OBERONS BOY 10 (B,D,G) (E Winfield) B Meehan 9-5	J Reid	97
202	(3)	0-	INSIDEOUT 260 (J Blythe) F Watson 8-9	J Fortune	–
203	(6)	60-0520	UNCLE GEORGE 13 (V,F) (J Fuller) M Tompkins 8-9	P Robinson	98
204	(5)	200650	CRYSTAL FAST 41 (L Norris) P Kelleway 8-5	K Fallon	90
205	(8)	463505	*APARTMENTS ABROAD 16 (V,G) (K McAuliffe) K McAuliffe 8-1*	*J Lowe*	90
206	(7)	2000-00	CLINCHER CLUB 10 (F) (B Yeardley Continental Ltd) M Johnston 8-0	T Williams	[illegible]
207	(2)	00-0000	INCA BIRD 22 (Sn Walker) T Wall 7-12	F Lynch (3)	85
208	(4)	3306-	MISS IMPULSE 349 (J Rose) Miss J Bower 7-12	J Quinn	75
209	(9)	065	PHILGEM 57 (C Barber-Lomax) J Hetherton 7-12	N Kennedy	72

BETTING: *7-4 Oberons Boy, 3-1 Uncle George, 9-2 Clincher Club, 7-1 Apartments Abroad, 10-1 Crystal Fast,* Inca Bird, Philgem, 12-1 others.

1995: SPECIAL-K 8-4 G Hind (13-8 fav) E Weymes 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

OBERONS BOY 16l 12th of 13 to Concer Un in handicap at Sandown (1m, good to soft). UNCLE GEORGE 2¾l 2nd of 8 to Princess Pamgaddy in claimer at Newmarket (1m, good) on penultimate start. CRYSTAL FAST 5¾l 5th of 14 to Poly My *Son in seller here (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start.* APARTMENTS ABROAD about 6l 5th of 11 to Indhapura in Chepstow seller (7f, good to firm). CLINCHER CLUB 8l 7th of 8 to Able Sheriff in handicap at Thirsk (5f, firm) on penultimate start. MISS IMPULSE 5l 3rd of 10 to My Kind in Thirsk seller (6f, good), Jun 95. PHILGEM 4¼l 5th of 11 *to Elite Racing in Musselburgh seller (1m, good).*
Selection: OBERONS BOY

3.00 COMET HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,248: 7f 100yd) (7 runners)

301	(3)	052521	GREEN BARRIES 11 (D,F,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Johnston 9-7	M Hills	97
302	(1)	430332	MENOO HAL BATAL 27 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-6	J Reid	96
303	(7)	5-66043	KILVINE 27 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-6	K Darley	91
304	(6)	1-33051	MYBOTYE 25 (D,F,G) (A Moroney) G Oldroyd 9-1	Dale Gibson	98
305	(4)	00-0460	SARIO 11 (G) (Mrs M Clayton) C Smith 8-12	A Clark	[illegible]
306	(2)	3-55013	JERRY CUTRONA 38 (D,BF,F) (M Hill) N Callaghan 8-10	G Carter	94
307	(5)	625344	KAZIMIERA 10 (R Bradley) W Elsey 8-7	Martin Dwyer (5)	94

BETTING: 7-2 Menoo Hal Batal, 4-1 Green Barries, 9-2 Kilvine, Jerry Cutrona, 5-1 Mybotye, Kazimiera, 7-1 Sario

1995: MOUNTGATE 8-12 D R McCabe (20-1) M Bielby 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREEN BARRIES beat Dancing Image neck in 12-runner handicap at Sandown (7f, good to firm) with SARIO (8lb better off) 10l 10th. MENOO HAL *BATAL neck 2nd of 15 to Dancing Image in handicap* at Ripon (1m, good to firm) with KILVINE (5lb better off) 5l 3rd and KAZIMIERA (7lb better off) ½l 4th.
MYBOTYE beat Oriel Lad head in 9-runner handicap at Redcar (7f, firm). JERRY CUTRONA 2¼l 3rd of 8 to Faith Alone in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). Previously beat GREEN BAR*RIES (1lb better off) 2½l in a 12-runner handicap* at Yarmouth (6f, firm).
KAZIMIERA 5¾l 4th of 10 to Give Me A Ring in handicap here (1m 100yd, good to firm)
Selection: JERRY CUTRONA

3.30 ORANGE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,059: 5f) (7 runners)

401	(4)	3522	DOUBLE-J 10 (D Armitage) K McAuliffe 8-6	W J O'Connor	93
402	(7)	633325	MUJOVA 20 (J Graham) R Hollinshead 8-6	F Lynch (3)	95
403	(6)	222622	SWINO 15 (Swinnerton Transport Ltd) P Evans 8-6	J Fortune	94
404	(1)	25	SWISS COAST 18 (B Hathaway) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6	K Fallon	[illegible]
405	(5)		JUICY TING (M Wickens) P Haslam 8-3	G Carter	–
406	(2)		COMPACT DISC (R Moules) M Johnston 8-1	T Williams	–
407	(3)		*AL AVA CONSONANT (The Dante Partnership) J Bethell 7-12*	*Martin Dwyer (5)*	–

BETTING: 7-2 Swino, 4-1 Double-J, Swiss Coast, 9-2 Compact Disc, 6-1 Al Ava Consonant, 8-1 Juicy Ting, Mujova.

1995: ANNABERG 8-4 K Fallon (5-2 fav) Mrs J Ramsden 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE-J ½l 2nd of 7 to Mr Bombastique in maiden auction at Chepstow (6f, good to firm). MUJOVA best effort, 2¼l 3rd of 9 to Vasari in maiden at Chester (5f, good) with SWINO 4¾l 6th. *SWINO 3l 2nd of 11 to Largesse in maiden auction* at Pontefract (5f, good to firm). SWISS COAST head 2nd of 15 to Dashing Rocksville in maiden auction at Carlisle (6f, good) on penultimate start. JUICY TING (foaled 26 Mar, cost 2,800gns). First foal, by Hatim; dam modest 6f-1m maiden. COMPACT DISC (14 Mar, 8,500gns). Second foal, by Royal Academy; dam, well related, minor 1m winner at three years. *AL AVA CONSONANT (26 Mar,* 4,000gns). Half-brother by Reprimand to fair winning sprinter Come On Chase Me.
Selection: SWISS COAST

4.00 SONY HANDICAP (£3,436: 2m 35yd) (11 runners)

501	(3)	3/513-06	PRAGUE SPRING 15 (F) (All At Sea) Lady Herries 4-9-10	K Darley	90
502	(6)	4-00002	TEEN JAY 3 (S) (Gemini Associates) B Llewellyn 6-9-5	T Williams	94
503	(11)	303252	HULLBANK 10 (F) (Mrs P Gibbon) W Haigh 6-9-3	J Tate	98
504	(1)	0/560-33	*ATHERTON GREEN 10 (F) (Atherton and Green) J Glover 6-8-13*	*M Birch*	96
505	(5)	23315-6	BOURDONNER 31J (F) (C Lysaght) M Hammond 4-8-12	K Fallon	–
506	(9)	3-04464	VAIN PRINCE 15 (CD,F,G,S) (A Findlay) N Tinkler 9-8-10	J Fortune	96
507	(7)	235000-	ALL ON 17J (G) (N Hetherton) J Hetherton 5-8-3	J Lowe	90
508	(4)	544-064	LONGCROFT 35 (F) (Aukdyn Stud Ltd) K Hogg 4-8-2	N Kennedy	99
509	(10)	502236	ROYAL CIRCUS 11 (F,G) (P Hiatt) P Webber 7-8-1	M Henry (3)	[illegible]
510	(8)	405405	TANYAR 11 (Mrs J Hughes) R Hollinshead 4-8-1	F Lynch (3)	90
511	(2)	0-00503	ISLAND CASCADE 10 (E Incisa) E Incisa 4-7-10	Kim Tinkler	85

Long handicap: Island Cascade 7-2

BETTING: 4-1 Hullbank, 6-1 Atherton Green, Prague Spring, 7-1 Longcroft, Bourdonner, 8-1 Vain Prince, 10-1 others.

1995: CHAKALAK 7-8-2 A Daly (7-4 fav) S Dow 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

TEEN JAY 2½l 2nd of 13 to Great Oration in handicap at Chester (2m, good to firm). HULL-BANK 3l 2nd of 7 to French Ivy in handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with ATHERTON GREEN (1lb better off) 1l 3rd. BOURDONNER beat Mushtari 3l in 5-runner maiden at Tramore (1m 6f, good to firm), Aug 95. VAIN PRINCE best recent effort, about 2¾l 4th of 10 to Anan Spirit in handicap at Redcar (1m 6f, good to firm). *LONGCROFT 4¾l 4th of 10 to Good Hand in* claimer at Redcar (2m, good to firm). ROYAL CIRCUS *best recent effort,* 1¼l 2nd of 10 to Dorham in apprentice jockeys' handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to firm) with ATHERTON GREEN (3lb better off) 6l 3rd
Selection: HULLBANK

4.30 TOSHIBA HANDICAP (£3,436: 5f) (20 runners)

601	(4)	4-12655	PAGEBOY 7 (D,F,G) (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 7-10-0	J Fortune	98
602	(20)	080043	NED'S BONANZA 10 (CD,BF,F,G) (N Jones) M Dods 7-9-11	A Clark	97
603	(1)	012505	AQUADO 10 (B,CD,F,G) (K Nicholls) S Bowring 7-9-11	J Quinn	96
604	(3)	500002	JUST DISSIDENT 10 (F) (Mrs C Hodgetts) R Whitaker 4-9-9	D McKeown	97
605	(11)	332000	TENOR 67 (D,G) (G Thompson) D Nicholls 5-9-9	Alex Greaves	92
606	(12)	050524	SOUND THE TRUMPET 18 (D,G) (R Spicer) R Spicer 4-9-8	R Havlin (5)	94
607	(19)	800656	GAGAJULU 19 (D,F,G) (R Mason) P Evans 3-9-8	W J O'Connor	92
608	(2)	005105	INVIGILATE 10 (D,F,G) (D Kay Racing) M Wane 7-9-6	K Fallon	98
609	(14)	000123	DOMINELLE 10 (CD,BF,F) (Sandmoor Textiles Co Ltd) T Easterby 4-9-5	M Birch	97
610	(9)	0561-61	QUEENS CHECK 68 (D,G,S) (W Cooper) Miss J Craze 3-9-3	N Connorton	98
611	(13)	0-05004	PALLIUM 10 (CD,F,G) (D Tuckwell) Mrs A Naughton 8-9-3	A Culhane	[illegible]
612	(15)	5302-60	*TIME TO FLY 33 (Miss N Hamod) B Murray 3-9-2*	*T Williams*	96
613	(6)	3635-06	COOLOWEN FLASH 34 (D,F) (B McSweeney) J Eyre 5-8-13	R Lappin	–
614	(16)	0013-05	CHRISTIAN FLIGHT 12 (B,F) (D Holland) S Gollings 7-8-12	V Halliday	89
615	(17)	000035	IMP EXPRESS 29 (B,D,F,G) (G Stevenson) G Moore 3-8-12	J Tate	95
616	(18)	204000	MU-ARRIK 22 (B,F,G) (C Reese) G Oldroyd 8-8-8	Dale Gibson	96
617	(8)	000060	*FIRST OPTION 10 (CD,F,G,S) (Omega Racing Club) R Bastiman 6-8-6*	*G Carter*	98
618	(10)	0-08524	ROTHERFIELD PARK 22 (D,G) (D Thompson) C Smith 4-8-5	K Darley	98
619	(5)	000030	BRANSTON KRISTY 34 (V) (J Starbuck) C Smith 4-8-1	Iona Wands (7)	96
620	(7)	000000	PRIME PROPERTY 11 (B,F) (A Black & Co) M W Easterby 4-8-0	Martin Dwyer (5)	95

BETTING: 7-1 Invigilate, 8-1 Ned's Bonanza, 10-1 Prime Property, Aquado, Rotherfield Park, Queens Check, *Dominelle, 12-1 others*

1995: MISS SIHAM 6-8-7 Alex Greaves (9-1) D Nicholls 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

PAGEBOY about 1½l 5th of 11 to Shadow Jury in handicap at Newmarket (5f, good). NED'S BONANZA 2l and head 3rd of 10 to Time For Tango in handicap at Carlisle (5f, firm) with PALLIUM (4lb better off) 3½l 4th, INVIGILATE (2lb better off) head 5th and FIRST OPTION (3lb better off) 3¼l 7th. JUST DISSIDENT 4l 2nd of 10 to Bolshoi in a handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with DOMINELLE (3lb better off) 1¾l 3rd and AQUADO (3lb better off) neck and short-head 5th. SOUND THE TRUMPET about 4¾l 4th of 24 to *Dahiyah in selling handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to firm).* INVIGILATE *best effort this season,* beat Keston Pond 1l in 10-runner handicap at Redcar (6f, good to firm) with PRIME PROPERTY (9lb better off) 4½l 7th.
DOMINELLE beat ROTHERFIELD PARK (3lb better off) neck in 12-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with PRIME PROPERTY (12lb better off) 6l 7th and BRANSTON KRISTY (8lb better off) 3l 8th, Jun 95. QUEENS CHECK beat My Cherrywell ¾l in 16-runner handicap at Southwell (AW, 5f)
Selection: ROTHERFIELD PARK (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
L Cumani	8	22	36.4	J Reid	6	15	40.0
M Johnston	21	107	19.6	K Darley	48	248	19.4
P Evans	3	17	17.6	Alex Greaves	6	50	12.0
J Bethell	5	32	15.6	G Carter	9	76	11.8
Mrs J Ramsden	13	86	15.1	K Fallon	20	172	11.6
M Stoute	4	32	12.5	Darren Moffatt	5	43	11.6

Bowls considers putting old surfaces out to grass

David Rhys Jones looks at a revolution which could end with one of Britain's ancient sports being changed for ever by the arrival of synthetic surfaces

High costs are a threat to the future of grass greens

A grassroots revolution is taking place in bowls. Britain's flat-green bowlers believe that the grass on the other side of the millennium may not only be greener — but synthetic to boot. The situation is so grave that, after the revolution, there may be no grass roots at all.

Financial considerations have convinced many bowls administrators that artifical surfaces should replace Cumberland turf, while the poor state of so many greens has persuaded some leading players to vote for a synthetic solution.

One county association, Suffolk, opted to play their home Middleton Cup ties this summer on a synthetic green — a first in the 85-year history of the county competition. They are not alone in their concern. When, last month, Cumbria, the county champions, were beaten at home on a surface pitted by fusarium, most of their players would have wished that they had been playing elsewhere.

Now, the World Bowls Board (WBB) has approved the laying of artificial greens in Kuala Lumpur, where the 1998 Commonwealth Games bowls competition will probably be played on a synthetic surface for the first time.

David Johnson, the WBB secretary, said: "We have an open mind. If an artificial green can be produced that is as good as grass, we have no objections and are working with manufacturers to ensure that standards are established and maintained."

Expertise seems to have been lost after greenkeepers stopped shaving the grass with a scythe. David Bryant, the most famous name in the sport, said: "In the old days, greenkeepers used to treat their work as a labour of love, and greens were flat, smooth and perfectly true."

Tony Allcock, Bryant's successor as world outdoor champion, said: "It makes me sad, because I prefer playing on good, fast, true-running grass greens, but we have to admit they just aren't around any more, and a good artificial green is much better than a poor grass one."

Allcock, who officially opened a new artificial green in Basildon, Essex, last month, said: "Whether we like it or not, it's the thing of the future. There were representatives from lots of clubs in Basildon, all hoping to follow suit.

"Bowls clubs just can't afford to pay skilled greenkeepers any more. Laying a grass green usually costs between £50,000 and £60,000, with maintenance costs running at between £7.00 and £15.000 a year; but a synthetic carpet costs between £70,000 and £80.000 to install, lasts around ten years and is very cheap to maintain."

Gary Smith, the bowling partner of Andy Thomson at the Cyphers club, in Kent, supports the novel idea of a compromise between organic and artificial, called Netlon Advanced Turf. At around £72,000, a Netlon green costs a little more than grass, but the manufacturers claim that clubs will save on maintenance.

Why do bowlers want a true, fast surface? Bowls are biased, and the game is based on the ability to take a circuitous route to the jack. On a fast, swinging green, it takes judgment and natural ability to dispatch the bowl on the right line and at the right speed.

If the grass is long, and the green heavy, the effort to send a bowl the full distance (up to 38 metres), means that the bowl sets off at top speed, and slows down so quickly that the bias does not have time to take effect. The response is simple. Woods have to be hurled, rather than delivered, more or less towards the jack.

The argument used to justify inferior greens is always the same: "You have to adjust to the conditions — it's the same for both sides". Of course, it is not. When bowls is reduced to hurling woods in a straight line, the skills of talented exponents count for little. It becomes a test of strength and luck.

One of the most damaging innovations in recent years has been the automatic watering system. When clubs invest in one, they need to justify the expense by using it, but, in reality, bowling greens seldom need watering. Green grass looks good, but bowlers will tell you that the best greens are brown and dry.

Perhaps the answer lies in having fewer clubs. In Australia, where bowls is a serious business, clubs typically have four or five greens. That means lots of members and subscriptions pay for an expert staff and equipment to keep the greens in tip-top condition.

The solution is surely for clubs to expand — while some close — and create bigger, more viable bowls centres. The same number of people playing the game could perhaps be served by, say, 25 per cent of the present number of clubs.

CRICKET

England's resolve preserves long unbeaten record

By Simon Wilde

GUILDFORD (final day of four): England drew with New Zealand

ENGLAND'S women fought a remarkable rearguard action yesterday to escape with a draw in the third and final Test match and share the series 0-0 with New Zealand. The result maintained their unbeaten Test record against these opponents, which dates back to 1934 and spans 22 matches.

At more than one stage during the day, England looked a beaten side, but their final saviours were the ninth-wicket pair of Suzanne Redfern and Clare Taylor, who batted with remarkably few difficulties through the last 27 overs, despite often having seven or eight fielders breathing down their necks.

Having seen the slow bowling of Fryer and Campbell bring rewards, New Zealand may regret the decision to take the new ball four overs after Redfern and Taylor came together. Although the pitch was not offering pronounced turn, spin remained their likeliest route to success and the new ball only disrupted the process.

It was an absorbing day's play, even though England made no attempt to score the 331 runs that they had been left to win by New Zealand's second declaration the previous evening. It was a reasonable target, but, after losing three wickets in the first hour — including those of Brittin and Daniels, their main strokemakers, to Withers — England concentrated on survival.

Metcalfe, who batted nearly four hours for 63, was the central figure in their resistance. Smithies stayed with her for 20 overs and Smit for 27, but, after they had gone, her team's survival seemed to depend on her own. In fact, her dismissal — to a ball from Campbell that did turn — proved to be the last of the match.

By playing out time so competently, Redfern and Taylor showed just how little the pitch had worn over the four days. Taylor, who has also represented her country at football, finished unbeaten on 38, Redfern on 26. Although she took more wickets, Campbell put them under less pressure than Fryer, the left-arm spinner.

Despite the outcome, New Zealand were undoubtedly the stronger and more adventurous side. They made a clean sweep of the three one-day internationals and their positive approach was testimony to the way that the game is blossoming in their country. In England, the progress made since the World Cup was won in 1993 — ironically with a victory over New Zealand in the final — has been stilted.

There are good reasons for this. In New Zealand, the women's and men's cricket associations amalgamated four years ago and the women's game has felt the benefits. Financial support has been extensive, with all the expenses for this tour covered and players compensated for loss of earnings.

There is true equality between the sexes — Emily Drumm was named New Zealand cricketer of the year for 1993 — and full co-operation as well, with Martin Crowe, for example, helping in the extensive preparations made by this party.

Needless to say, things are very different in England, not only because the equal opportunities legislation is not as strong. The Women's Cricket Association (WCA) sees the development of a national plan under the proposed English Cricket Board (ECB) as an opportunity for progress, but is aware that amalgamations in other sports — such as squash — have not always worked to the advantage of women.

"We have a lot to gain from a new structure, but only if it is handled carefully," Sharon Bayton, the WCA's chairman, said yesterday. "New Zealand is a younger country with a refreshing approach to women's sport in general. Here, there is a lot of history to overcome and it will not be easy. The first draft constitution of the ECB made no mention of women's cricket whatsoever; now, at least, it recognises its existence. We are asking for a seat on the ECB board, but I am not confident of success."

The Test and County Cricket Board gave the WCA £50,000 to fund the matches against New Zealand and without it they could not have been staged. However, if the women's game is to flourish, that sum needs to be a minimum annual commitment. The players showed the necessary character yesterday; they deserve future support.

SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 362 for 5 dec (K Flavell 97, S Fruin 80, D Hockley 65, E Drumm 62) and 219 for 4 dec (Drumm 112 not out).

ENGLAND: First Innings 271 (J Brittin 57; J Fryer 4 for 37).

Second Innings

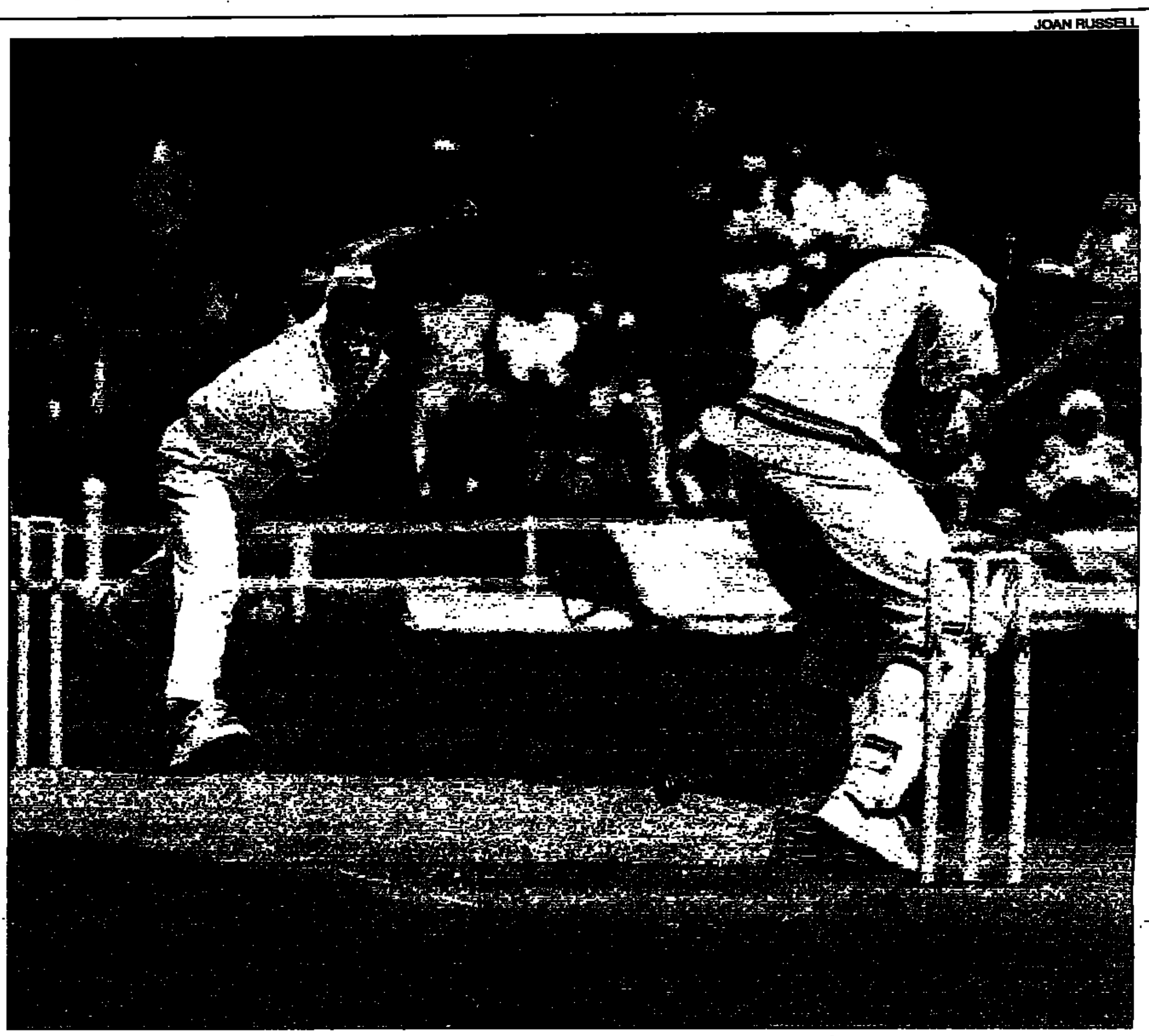
†J Brittin c Illingworth b Withers	3
C Edwards c Illingworth b Brown	31
E Daniels c Campbell b Withers	4
S Metcalfe b Campbell	63
*K Smithies c Brown b Drumm	15
J Smit b Campbell	27
K Leng c sub b Fryer	10
D Stock b Campbell	1
S Redfern not out	26
C Taylor not out	38
Extras (b 1, lb 1, w 1)	3
Total (8 wkts)	225

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-32, 3-39, 4-66, 5-129, 6-140, 7-157, 8-160.

BOWLING: Withers 16-4-41-2; Campbell 32-7-86-3; Brown 6-3-7-1; Harris 13-6-24-0; Fryer 27-12-41-1; Drumm 12-4-24-1.

Umpires: V Williams and K Taylor.

JOAN RUSSELL



Gough, the best of a heavily-punished Yorkshire attack, forces Windows into a defensive posture at Harrogate

Lynch leads bargain-hunters

By Jack Bailey

HARROGATE (Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire beat Yorkshire by 89 runs

EACH year, after the Benson and Hedges Cup final, a small window in the complex county fixture list opens. Into it pops the Costcutter Cup, a 55-over, three-day festival at Harrogate. It was formerly known as the Tilcon Trophy, but, ever since the change of name, in 1994, Gloucestershire have lifted the cup and the prize-money. Their performance against Yorkshire yesterday kept their ambitions of a hat-trick not only alive but also glowing bright.

There was a proprietary stamp about the Gloucestershire batting as they rattled up 297 for six. They combined this with a purposeful air in the field as Yorkshire's attempts to overtake them were snuffed out with the minimum of fuss.

Punishing strokeplay from Monte Lynch brought him 68 from 56 balls and the lion's share of a partnership with Tim Hancock which was worth 94 from 13 overs. This was the key to Gloucestershire's large total, although the firm foundation laid by Wright and Windows, and some typically free strokes from Symonds underlined the mastery of bat over ball.

Darren Gough, with two for 36, escaped the general censure accorded around the ground to Yorkshire's bowlers. He also opened the innings, but a bright start was not sustained. Only Bevan and McGrath mastered an attack well led by Jon Lewis, whose opening burst of three for 18 from eight overs set Gloucestershire on the way.

All Yorkshire's wickets fell to catches, some of the highest order. Whoever emerges from the semi-final between Leicestershire and Durham today will have formidable all-round skills to overcome.

SCOREBOARD FROM HARROGATE

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

M G N Windows c White b Stemp	47
*A J Wright st Blakey b Stemp	43
T H C Hancock c Stemp b Silverwood	56
M A Lynch run out	68
A Symonds not out	35
M W Alleyne b Gough	5
M C J Ball c Blakey b Gough	9
D J P Boden not out	0
Extras (b 12, lb 8, w 6, nb 8)	34
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	297

†R C J Williams, J Lewis and J M M Averis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-97, 2-136, 3-230, 4-251, 5-279, 6-291

BOWLING: Gough 10-1-36-2; Silverwood 9-3-40-1; White 7-0-42-0; Hartley 8-1-62-0, Stemp 11-1-46-2; Bevan 10-1-51-0

Man of the match: J Lewis

YORKSHIRE

D Gough c Symonds b Lewis	20
M D Moxon c Symonds b Lewis	11
M P Vaughan c Lynch b Lewis	12
M G Bevan c Symonds b Alleyne	51
A McGrath c Williams b Boden	44
*D Byas c Lewis b Boden	3
C White c Williams b Averis	8
†R J Blakey c Lewis b Alleyne	18
P J Hartley not out	26
C E W Silverwood c Ball b Alleyne	2
R D Stemp c Williams b Lewis	2
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 5)	11
Total (48.1 overs)	208

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-40, 3-45, 4-142, 5-146, 6-149, 7-170, 8-198, 9-205.

BOWLING: Lewis 9.1-1-24-4; Boden 8-1-53-2, Averis 9-0-41-1; Ball 9-0-29-0; Alleyne 9-0-47-3; Symonds 2-0-8-0

Umpires: J D Bond and A Clarkson

Scotland lose as Robinson shines

By David Townsend

SCOTLAND were defeated by the English National Cricket Association (NCA) for the second time in a fortnight yesterday, on the opening day of the inaugural European cricket championship in Denmark.

Jon Robinson, the former Surrey batsman, who now captains Esher, hammered three sixes in a top score of 73 off 70 balls to help the NCA to 260 for eight from their 50 overs.

Malcolm Roberts, his captain, had kick-started the innings with a typically confident 66, including seven boundaries, and looked set for a century when he was superbly caught by George Salmond, the Scotland captain, diving at extra cover.

Iain Philip and Bruce Patterson, the openers, went cheaply for Scotland, but George Reifer and Mike Smith had 88 on the board after 15 overs and seemed to be experiencing little difficulty on the alien coconut matting surface.

Smith had smashed 41 from only 36 balls when he failed to clear Robinson at mid-on and, with Reifer following soon after for 59, Scotland were to miss the composure of Salmond, who had left the field injured soon after catching Roberts; he did not bat until number eight.

Stewart Laudat, of Oxfordshire, was the best of the NCA bowlers, taking two for 30 from his ten overs as Scotland were dismissed for 214 in the 46th over and beaten by 46 runs.

Ireland, who recently lost to Scotland but beat the NCA to win the triple crown in Wales, began their bid for a double with a convincing 169-run win over Italy at the Copenhagen Ball Club. Ireland will face a tougher test today when they tackle Denmark, who easily beat Gibraltar by 288 runs.

SCORES: Brondby: England NCA 260-8 (J Robinson 73, M Roberts 66, J Blain 4-34). Scotland 214 (G Reifer 59). England won by 46 runs. Glostrup: Denmark 359-9 (M Saddique 83, J Jenson 57, S Hansen 52, D Johnson 4-65). Gibraltar 71 (S Sorensen 5-16). Denmark won by 288 runs. Copenhagen Ball Club: Ireland 255-6; Italy 86. Ireland won by 169 runs

TENNIS

Wimbledon clear for Egypt tie

CHRIS GORRINGE, the chief executive of Wimbledon, said yesterday that he had not ruled out the possibility of Great Britain playing their Davis Cup tie against Egypt on the No 1 Court at Wimbledon in September.

Britain must beat Egypt in their group two tie of the Euro-Africa zone, to be held from September 20 to 22, to gain promotion to group one. David Lloyd, the team captain, and Tim Henman, the No 1 player, who has climbed one place in the world rankings to 38 — his highest position, are keen to hold the match at the All England Club.

The No 1 Court, which has 6,500 seats, is soon to be demolished to make way for a new players' and media centre, but Gorringe said that, if necessary, the bulldozers could wait.

"It is not out of the question for the tie to be held on the No 1 Court," he said, "but we would have to consider it carefully and we would need a formal request from the Lawn Tennis Association."

SCHOOLS SPORT: GIFTED QUARTET DETERMINED TO TURN MATCH DAYS INTO A FAMILY AFFAIR

Cricketing twins double up for assault on record books

By Graeme Hollinshead

WHEN Cleveland schools under-13 cricket squad gets together for nets, Gordon Lake, the manager, can be excused a double-take — or two. He has two sets of twins from the same family vying for places in the county team — something never before recorded in the annals of the English Schools Cricket Association.

The schoolboy cricketers who are rarely short of a brother to practice with are Alex Roberts, 13, an all-rounder, and his twin, Lee, both year eight pupils at King's Manor School, Middlesbrough, and year seven pupils, Brett and Jay, 14 months their junior.

Alex played last year and was the team's top scorer with 256 runs at an average of 32. He is on course to repeat that feat this year, opening with six against The Wirral but then recording his maiden county half-century in the one-wicket defeat against Durham. He followed that with 53 against Yorkshire and hit his first century, scoring 112 in a four-wicket defeat against Lancashire.

"Alex is a true all-rounder and he is our leading wicket-taker as well as run-maker," Lake, a retired Cleveland teacher, said. "He is physically stronger than his twin and the other brothers, who are of course a year younger."

Lee, a leg and off spin bowler, and Brett, who bowls medium pace, have also made it into the county side, but Jay has only recently resumed playing after a lengthy illness.

"Lee and Brett have not had any real success as yet although Lee has bowled well on two or three occasions without luck. The younger lad needs to become a bit stronger to bowl quick at this level," Lake said.

According to Len Almond, director of the Exercise and Health Research Group at Loughborough University, greater athletic potential among twins is often shown by the first-born, or heavier child at birth.

The boys' father, Tony Roberts, who coaches all four brothers for Middlebrough Cricket Club's under-13s, said Alex and Brett — the two heaviest at birth — were more dominant than their respective twins up to the age of three, another factor which can indicate sporting prowess.

Susan Roberts said that from the age of two, her sons would be "glued to the television watching any activity with a ball", and the brothers had an early introduction to the joys of cricket. "They came to watch me at Middlesbrough as soon as they could crawl," Tony Roberts said. "They played on the spare ground at the club during matches from a very early age and all of them were introduced to the junior cricket teams at nine years old."

Tony still plays for the Middlesbrough club's third XI, but his place could be in jeopardy from Alex after the pair batted together for the first time against Billingham last month. Dad was bowled for one but Alex showed him the way with a handsome 19.

RICHARD RAYNER

Talented twins: the Roberts brothers (bottom row), Lee, left, and Alex, 13, and (top) Jay, left, and Brett, 12

SQUASH

Russell cuts a dash to upset big-hitter

From Colin McQuillan in Cairo

THE improvement in the world junior game was clearly illustrated here yesterday. In the first session of the last 32 of the world junior men's championship, Rene Bartel, of Germany, narrowly removed the much-fancied Shamsul Islam Khan, of Pakistan, while John Russell, of England, proved far too adept for Paul Peters, a big-hitting Australian.

Bartell took an early lead against his stylish opponent and then weathered the counter-attack, in which he survived a long fifth game, to win 9-7, 9-5, 0-9, 7-9, 9-7 in 74 minutes. His reward is a tilt in the round of 16 at Ahmed Faizy, of Egypt, the top seed who defeated Tim Vail, of England, 9-4, 9-2, 9-3 in 32 minutes.

Russell, a solidly-built 16-year-old from New Eltham, in south London, looked a completely different player from the head-scarved, casual-looking performer of early rounds. "He is a player who tends to perform as well as he has to," David Pearson, the new England national coach, said. "We had a pretty serious talk about attitude last night, although I would not like to say that it had much to do with John's approach today. He knows without telling when the squash has to be professionally applied."

However, no such plaudits are likely to have come the way of the strapping Peters from Greg Middleton, his team manager. Against Indian and Italian opposition in earlier rounds, he proved imperious, but Russell allowed him none of the airy, loose balls that came in those matches; tight, low drives down both walls revealed an unsuspected limit of reach and Peters succumbed 9-1, 9-0, 9-6.

With a strong belief in eye protection from goggles and preference for piratical head-scarves, Russell, this time, delivered a far more conservative impression with a normal headband; and found a precise rhythm which he jokingly suggested was the product of the lighter head-cover.

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GOLF: BRITON RIDES LUCK TO QUALIFY FOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AS PEDIGREE PROVES NO GUARANTEE OF SUCCESS

Eales takes chance to challenge on home territory

By Mel Webb

ON THE first day of the last Open Championship to be held at Royal Lytham and St Annes, Paul Eales was beavering away in the professional's shop, selling furiously and manning the cash register. On Thursday, his role will be less marginalised; this year, he will be a player, not a shop assistant. What a difference in one man's life — and all in less than a decade.

In 1988, Eales was an assistant under Eddie Birchenough, the head professional at Lytham, a future on the PGA European Tour an ambition that was romantic and yet rooted in the realms of the improbable. Today, the dream has been distilled into a reality.

Eales, 32, played yesterday at the tough and unforgiving Fairhaven course and a 69 gave him a total of 140, eight under par, which was enough to make him joint-seventh qualifier on the course.

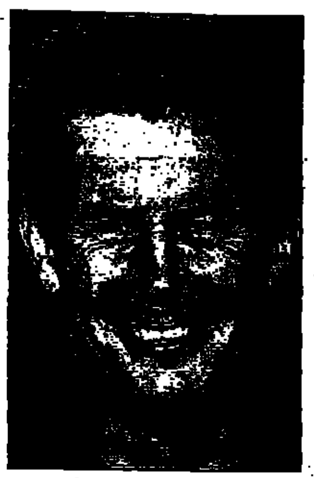
He was given the honour of a local man's gallery, but said that he was embarrassed not to have played better for them. "I was playing so badly out there," he said bluntly.

One of the acknowledged secrets of playing successful golf hinges upon the ability to score well when performing badly. On the evidence of this round, Eales seemed to have that little trick cracked, with drums beating and flags flying.

By its very nature, low scoring on links layouts also sometimes needs a modicum of luck, but although Eales was the beneficiary of one stroke of outrageous good fortune, it had less to do with seaside golf and more with the uncanny ability to pick a target entirely by accident and hit it.

In this case, the target was an unsuspecting spectator, one of the many following their home-town hero, into whom an errant Eales tee shot at the short 17th clattered with some force.

The upshot was that the ball rebounded onto the green and Eales, more than a little shame-faced, trundled in a putt from 27 feet for an unlikely birdie. At this point, he was on something of a roll, having picked up shots at the previous three holes. He also birdied the last and it was enough to put him into his first Lytham Open.



Eales: late developer

It was not ever thus. Eales's last trip to Fairhaven was in 1988 and he failed to set foot on his home course in anger. He did manage to do so in peace, however, because he was asked on the Friday night of the Championship to play as a marker at the tail of the field with Gary Burton, a club professional.

"I was doing pretty well, actually," he said. "I was level par for 16 holes when play was called off for the day because of rain and, when the tournament resumed on the Sunday, the players were sent out in three-balls, so that was my chance gone."

Eales has been one of the most refreshing additions to the ranks of PGA European Tour professionals in recent years. A former Lancashire county player at boys', colts and senior level, he toiled for several years in the Eighties. He attended the tour qualifying school, that shredder of hopes and destroyer of morale, four times without success and ultimately got his place on the full tour, by finishing third in the Challenge Tour order of merit in 1992.

He is a thoughtful sort of chap; the impression with which one is left by him is that he does little without careful consideration. Slim, neat and ordered, he has opinions and expresses them fluently.

The winner of the Extremadura Open in 1994, he is happy to admit that he was a late developer. "There was a time when I thought I was never going to make it, but the support of Eddie and everybody at Royal Lytham convinced me to keep on trying," he said. "Without their encouragement, I don't think I would have made it to the European Tour."

That victory on the border country between Spain and Portugal two years ago remains the highlight of his career. One of his frequently-stated career aims is to win the Open Championship on his own course. Now, for the first time in his life, he has the chance to do it.

☐ Bernhard Langer arrived for the Open Championship yesterday — but his clubs were still in Germany. "They didn't put them on the plane at Munich. It's a shame. It's a nice day to play," the 38-year-old German said. He added that he expected the clubs to arrive last night.

The double Masters champion, who spent last week at his home in Anhausen, has never won the Open, but was second or third four times from 1981 to 1986 and third again in 1993, when Greg Norman played his great final round of 64 to win at Royal St George's.

The world No 11 said the fact he could not play today would not seriously upset his preparation. "It's a bit annoying, but there are still two days to practise," he said. "If that's the worst hiccup this week, it won't be too bad."

OPEN QUALIFIERS

Fairhaven

134: R Willison (unattached) 69, 65; J Leonard (US) 70, 64. 136: P Hedblom (Swe) 70, 66. 137: G Emerson (Salisbury and South Wilts) 69, 68. 138: F Tarnaud (Fr) 69, 69. 139: J Haeggman (Swe) 71, 68. 140: J Townsend (US) 70, 70; P Eales (Royal Lytham and St Annes) 71, 69; B McColl (Thorpe Hall) 71, 69; S Luna (Sp) 72, 68. 141: D A Russell (Mid Kent) 71, 70; S Field (Warranty Holdings) 70, 71; D Carter (Handley Wood) 71, 70; I Garrido (Sp) 71, 70. Russell and Field qualified in a play-off

Formby

140: D Feherty (unattached) 71, 69. T Herron (US) 71, 69. 141: D J Russell (Kedleston Park) 68, 73; J Coceres (Arg) 69, 72. 142: *S Allan (Aus) 71, 71; T Price (Aus) 70, 72; G Turner (NZ) 72, 70; A Lebouc (Fr) 71, 71. 143: R Lee (Nissan Ireland) 71, 72; S Murphy (US) 70, 73; G Law (Uphall) 69, 74; D Hospital (Sp) 72, 71.

Southport and Ainsdale

131: R Drummond (unattached) 63, 68. 134: D Smyth (unattached) 66, 68. 135: M Jonzon (Swe) 68, 67. 137: G Brand Jr (unattached) 67, 70; M Welch (Hill Valley) 70, 67. 138: M Litton (John O'Gaunt) 67, 71; A Langenaeken (Bel) 69, 69. 139: G Brown (Ganton) 69, 70; R Chapman (unattached) 70, 69; T Johnstone (Zim) 69, 70; S Grappasonni (It) 69, 70; A Mednick (Swe), 68, 71; I Steel (Unattached) 69, 70. Brown, Chapman, Johnstone, Mednick and Steel qualified in a play-off.

St Annes Old Links

130: R Boxall (Chobham) 65, 65. 134: B Hughes (Aus) 68, 66. 135: E Darcy (Ire) 66, 69; T Bjorn (Den) 65, 70. 136: C Suneson (Sp) 70, 66. 137: J Payne (Forest of Arden) 68, 69; M Florioli (It) 65, 72; K Eriksson (Swe) 68, 69. 138: P McGinley (Luttrelstown Castle) 66, 72; C Mason (unattached) 71, 67; J Robson (Orsett) 69, 69; S Tinning (Den) 70, 68. 139: S Cage (Sand Moor) 73, 66; P Curry (unattached) 70, 69; T Planchin (Fr) 70, 69; *D Orr (East Renfrewshire) 74, 65; M Roe (unattached) 70, 69. Cage qualified in a play-off.

* denotes amateur

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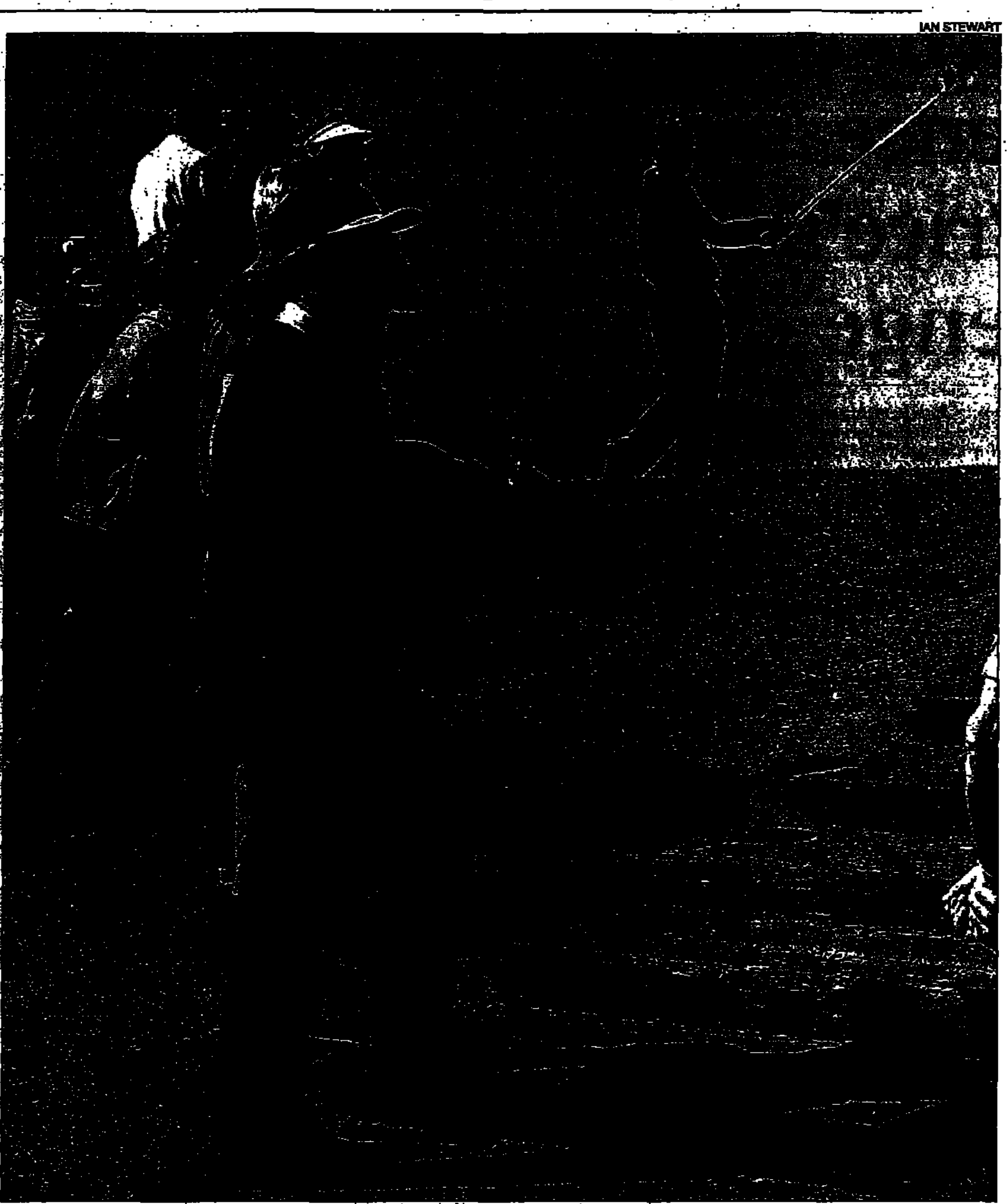

Jack Nicklaus watches with the crowd as his son, Gary, drives during his failed attempt to qualify for the Open yesterday

Mysterious tip works for Mason

By Patricia Davies

PETER BAKER, the former Ryder Cup player, had a word for it — a four letter word — after a final qualifying round of 74, two over par, at St Annes Old Links blew him out of the Open Championship yesterday. So much for the optimism engendered by an opening 68.

Gary Nicklaus, son of Jack, more used to the indignities of qualifying, was more stoical after a round of 73 that featured an eagle, birdie finish at the same course, but a total of 141 was still too much. "He dug himself a hole and couldn't get out of it," was his father's summation, referring to a start that included two bogeys and a double bogey in the first four holes.

Nicklaus senior and his wife Barbara flew in from Detroit early in the morning and watched their son suffer in the Lancashire sun. The famous fan did not bother Gary — "I'd rather he watched than didn't" — but the action that mattered was elsewhere.

Richard Boxall, using a psychological tip from Carl Mason, returned a second successive 65 to be king of St Annes. It is the second year in a row that the good-natured man from Surrey has starred before the main event — he led the qualifiers at Scotscraig before missing the cut at St Andrews.

The magic tip might help this year — Mason used it to good effect, too, finishing eagle, birdie for a 67 at St Annes, to get through. In essence, the trick is to blank out all swing thoughts during a round, which sounds easy enough but is fiendishly difficult and Boxall and Mason were reluctant to reveal the details. "It's a secret potion," Boxall teased. "If I go on to win, I'll tell you what it is."

David Feherty wielded a long putter to good effect at Formby and shared top billing on 140, four under par, with Tim Herron, the roly-poly young American who won the Honda Classic in March. Three shots behind was Scotsman Gordon Law, disqualified last year after signing a card with the wrong name on it, but he made no mistake this time. "I checked my card 10 times," he said.

Justin Leonard, the talented Texan, led the way at Fairhaven, alongside England's Ricky Willison. Both shot 65, nine under par, for matching totals of 134. Leonard set a course record of 64, ten under par. For Willison, the highlight was a hole-in-one with a two-iron at the 226-yard 10th.

However, the essence of qualifying is suffering and there was plenty on offer. On Saturday, at Carnoustie, Silvio Grappasonni and Russell Claydon missed out on an Open exemption in a play-off, and both failed yesterday. Claydon had a lacklustre 76 at St Annes, while the Italian suffered in another play-off, beaten by Tony Johnstone at the third extra hole at Southport and Ainsdale.

At Formby, by far the most difficult course to score on, Steve Webster and Gordon Sherry, who enjoyed moments of glory as amateurs at St Andrews last year, faded away with totals of 148 and 149 respectively.

Paul Goydos, the goateed American who won the Bay Hill Invitational earlier this year, had an Open debut he will not forget. He will be flying home today after missing out at Fairhaven despite a round of 69. "A birdie at the last and I'd have been in the play-off," he groaned, although his total of 143 was, in fact, two shots too many.

IN BRIEF

Drechsler forced to miss Games

HEIKE DRECHSLER, the Olympic long jump champion, of Germany, will miss the Atlanta Games through injury, she announced yesterday. Drechsler, 31, the most consistent seven-metre jumper in the world, suffered an injury to a tendon at the back of a knee during training in mid-May and she said it has not responded to treatment.

Drechsler said the injury meant she was able to compete at only 60 per cent of her capacity and she did not want to risk a further injury. Her withdrawal leaves Jackie Joyner-Kersee, of the United States, and British-born Italian Fiona May, the world champion, as favourites for the gold medal, along with hte Russian veteran, Inessa Kravets.

"I'm really disappointed that I won't be in Atlanta," Drechsler said. "But it's not my style to go into something if I'm not 100 per cent fit and can't give my all." She picked up the injury in May, a few days after returning from a training camp in Portugal, and was forced to pull out of several key meetings, including last month's European Cup. Drechsler said her target was now next year's world championships. "I just have to accept that sport is made up of disappointments as well as success," she said.

Pienaar fit

Rugby union: South Africa, the World Cup holders, named an unchanged side yesterday for Saturday's Tri-Nation international against New Zealand in Wellington, keeping faith with the players who surrendered a two-year unbeaten run against Australia last weekend. The Springboks received a boost before their first meeting with the All Blacks since last year's World Cup final when an arm injury to captain and flanker Francois Pienaar proved not to be a fracture.

Bruguera wins

Tennis: Sergi Bruguera set up a rematch of the 1994 French Open final when he clinched a second-round place yesterday at the ATP tournament in Stuttgart. The 24-year-old Spaniard, who has slipped to 53rd in the world after a poor run of results in 1996, defeated 67th-ranked German Carl Uwe Steeb 7-6, 6-4 in the opening round of the claycourt event. Bruguera, twice the French Open champion but now struggling to overcome a long-term foot injury, next plays his compatriot Alberto Berasategui, the loser at Roland Garros when the pair played for the grand slam title two years ago.

MOTOR RACING: VILLENEUVE NOT UNDER ORDERS TO GIVE WAY TO WILLIAMS TEAM-MATE

Early exit leaves Hill facing fight to finish

By Oliver Holt

WILLIAMS have been down this particular road before. They know its contours and its twists and turns. In 1986, they lost a championship because they indulged the duelling spirits of Nigel Mansell and Nelson Piquet and now they are facing up to the prospect of another in-house fight to the finish. This time, though, the struggle is inspiring only eager anticipation.

When Jacques Villeneuve won the British Grand Prix at Silverstone on Sunday, he cut Damon Hill's lead in the race for the drivers' title to 15 points. Combined with Hill's forced early exit because of a mechanical problem, a championship that had looked a formality has been transformed into a real contest.

So dominant are the Williams-Renaults and so parlous have the recent performances of Ferrari been that there is no one else who could deprive Hill or Villeneuve of the title even if they were to take points off each other on a regular basis. There are six races to go and everything to play for. Any thoughts of team orders have been banished.

"Neither driver has anything in their contract saying that they have to give way to the other driver or that the other driver will give way to them," Patrick Head, the Williams technical director, said yesterday. "The only time we might have applied team orders in the past was if one driver was in a position to win the championship and the other was not. That is not the case here.

"My opinion is that Damon still has the upper hand because of his points lead and the fact that he knows the remaining circuits. In all natural terms, you would expect him to reassert his position but the things you can never cater for in motor racing are chance and reliability."

Head, a refreshingly honest and blunt man in a sport so often muddied by Machiavellianism, has been irritated by recent speculation that Williams were casting round for a replacement for Villeneuve because they had been disappointed with his performances since he joined the team from IndyCar racing at the end of last season. Yesterday, he stressed the young Canadian had a two-year contract and that Williams were more than eager to honour it.

"People were saying we might be disappointed, that we were aiming to get rid of him. But for someone coming in in their first year, particularly someone so young and inexperienced, he has done a very good job. The interesting thing is whether this is the end or will he keep improving. If he was only doing as well as this in a year's time, then one might be disappointed but so far he has been excellent."

Head, who, along with the Williams aerodynamicist, Adrian Newey, deserves much of the credit for the team's dominance this season, has also helped Villeneuve to modify his modus operandi since his move across the Atlantic and, after a frank discussion at a Silverstone test a month ago, has accepted some of the Canadian's suggestions for improving the working of the team.

"There were certain aspects of what he was doing with the set-up of his car that we did not feel were beneficial," Head said. "We thought a slightly unhealthy situation was arising with him wanting to go down one road and us wanting him to go down another. It was developing into a standoff.

"We had a talk with him and suggested he should use the skills and the facilities within the team and he told us a few of the things he thought could work better. It was not that everything was bad up to then and everything was brilliant afterwards but it has helped. Things are looking good for all of us at the moment but they can change very quickly."

FIXTURES

CRICKET

AXA Equity & Law League
2.0, 40 overs
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Yorkshire
1.35
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Lancashire

Costcutter Cup
11.0, 50 overs
HARROGATE: Durham v Leicestershire

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Second day of three: Swansea: Glamorgan v Derbyshire. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Middlesex. Leicester: Leicestershire v Warwickshire. Wellingborough School: Northamptonshire v Sussex. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Durham. Taunton: Somerset v Kent. The Oval: Surrey v Lancashire. Halesowen: Worcestershire v Hampshire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of two: Grantham: Lincolnshire v Cumberland. First day of two: High Wycombe: Buckinghamshire v Norfolk. Oswestry: Shropshire v Berkshire.

SCHOOLS MATCH (one day). Lord's: MCC v MCC Schools.

OTHER SPORT

FOOTBALL: Pre-season match: Shelbourne v Aberdeen (7.45).
TENNIS: Men's tournament (Manchester).

FOOTBALL

Nelson signs for Villa

FERNANDO NELSON finally signed a four-year deal with Aston Villa yesterday to become Brian Little's first summer signing. The manager then hinted that the Portugal international, bought from Sporting Lisbon for £1.5 million, could be the first of several new arrivals before the start of the new season. "If the right player comes along who I feel can improve the squad, then I would be interested," Little said.

Fernando Couto, another Portugal international, is now said to be attracting interest from Middlesbrough. Parma are ready to sell the defender valued at £4 million, although Bryan Robson has already spent £11 million in bringing Emerson from Brazil and Fabrizio Ravenelli from Italy.

Trevor Francis, manager of Birmingham City, has renewed his partnership with Bob Latchford, another former St Andrews favourite, who has been made youth development officer.

Liverpool's plans to play Linfield and Dundalk early next month are in doubt because of the continuing unrest in Northern Ireland. Peter Robinson, the Liverpool chief executive, said: "This is something we will want to check out. Safety is of paramount importance and we should be taking soundings from our friends in the province."

Saturday, July 20
Coupon No, fixture, forecast

VICTORIA
FIRST DIVISION
1 Moorabbin v Sp'vale W 2
2 Northcote v Richmond 2
SECOND DIVISION
3 Altona City v West Vale X
4 E Brunswick v Bell Park 1
5 E Richmond v E Altona 2
6 Fr'kston P v Nunaw'd'g 1
7 Oakleigh v Knox City X
8 S Dandenong v Regent 1
9 Waverley v Mooroolb'k 1
THIRD DIVISION
10 Cranbourne v Banyule 1
11 Diamond v Pascoe 1
12 Fitzroy v Ringwood X
13 Frankston v Clifton Hill 1
14 Melbourne C v Keilor X
15 S Caulfield v Chelsea 1
16 S We'bee v S Sp'gvale X
FIFTH DIVISION
17 Ballarat v Knox Pk 2
18 Doveton v Keysboro X
19 Geelong R v Glenroy 1
20 Melton v Heidelberg 1
21 Mornington v Mitcham X
22 O Scotch v N S'shine 2
23 Sp'gvale C v S W'lms 2
SIXTH DIVISION
24 Brandon v E Nunaw'g 1
25 Croxton v Hampton 1
26 Danden'g v Braeside 2
27 Hoppers v Berwick X
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40 Southside v Ashfield 2

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41 Adelaide R v Olymp's 1
42 B Eagles v Salisbury 1
43 Croydon v Campb'tn 2
44 Woodville v Port Lion 1
FIRST DIVISION
45 Adelaide C v Elizabeth 2
46 Cumberl'd v W Adel'de 1
47 Modbury v Para Hills X
48 Noarlunga v Enfield 1
49 Plympton v Seaford 1
50 Port Pirie v WT Birkalla 2

TASMANIA NORTH
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52 Somerset v LW Eagles 1

TASMANIA SOUTH
53 Kingborough v Nelson 1
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Spectacular sequence foils Price's challenge

*A thrilling victory in the 1988 Open Championship was the perfect riposte to those who considered Severiano Ballesteros past his best. **John Hopkins** continues his series on the Spanish golfer's bid to emulate Harry Vardon as the only player to win three Opens at the same venue*

Severiano Ballesteros arrived at Royal Lytham and St Annes in 1988 with the sound of the tumbrils ringing in his ears, not for the first time and not the last. He had not won a major championship since the 1984 Open and, while leading Jack Nicklaus by two strokes with four holes to go in the 1986 Masters, Ballesteros unaccountably mis-hit a four-iron into the water in front of the 15th green to fall out of contention.

At the same event a year later, he was the first man to be knocked out of a three-man sudden-death play-off, ultimately won by Larry Mize. To those who were saying that Ballesteros was in a slump, it hardly mattered that he had been the inspiration behind Europe's victory in the 1987 Ryder Cup.

Little did we know then what personal demons had contributed to Ballesteros's loss of form. Nor did we know how magnificently he was about to rise above them. If ever a player took hold of an event and turned it into a sparkling, virtuoso demonstration of his own talents, Ballesteros did so at Lytham eight years ago.

All week Ballesteros had seemed on edge. He was seen restlessly pacing around the rented, flat-roofed house in which he was staying. It was as though he knew that he should win because he liked Lytham and it had happy memories for him. Nobody present will forget the excitement that he generated from the moment on the first day when he walked past a sheet hanging out of a window of a house overlooking the opening hole: "*Severiano gana por favor*" (Severiano win please).

He set out to do just that, racing to the turn in 30 strokes, five under par. Even though he later had two penalty strokes, he finished in 67, four under, on a day when only seven players broke par.

The events of the next two days are overshadowed by the extraordinary last round — on a Monday after rain had washed out play on Saturday — when Ballesteros and Nick Price played out one of the most unusual closing rounds in Open Championship history. "Seve was making a comeback and I was trying to set right a few wrongs," Price said recently. "As we walked to the 8th, I knew that one of us was going to win it and I think that he knew that too. What happened on the next 11 holes was one of the greatest thrills of my life."

Dressed once more in his favourite blue, Ballesteros went from the 6th to the 16th as follows: birdie, eagle, birdie, par, birdie, birdie, bogey, birdie, bogey, par, birdie. Price went birdie, eagle, par over the 6th, 7th and 8th and lost a shot. He went from the 6th to the 13th in four under par and lost three strokes, which left them level.

With Ballesteros at Lytham, something always seems to happen at the 70th hole. In 1979 — when he won his first Open — there was the car park shot. This time, he hit a nine-iron to within a few inches of the flag and glanced across at Price. I was to Price's right and I could see from the look that Ballesteros gave him that he knew he had struck a decisive blow and he knew from the way that Price would not look back at him that Price knew as much.

That stroke gave Ballesteros the lead and, when they had both made par at the 17th, it meant that Price had to try to birdie the 18th to stand any chance. He reached the green with a mid-iron second. "I rushed that shot," Price said. "I was convinced I was going to hit the ball six inches from the hole and I couldn't wait to do it."

Ballesteros's ball ended to the left of the green in fluffy grass. I was directly behind him as he played a deft chip and thus had a perfect view of the ball as it rose from the club, pitched over a swale and rolled 50 feet before stopping inches from the hole. All around the spectators went wild. The excitement that the shot created is vividly conveyed by the expressions on the faces of the crowd in a photograph that appeared in national newspapers the next day. They were watching the most thrilling golfer in the world, more popular in Great Britain than in Spain, winning in a manner that made it all the more special for him.

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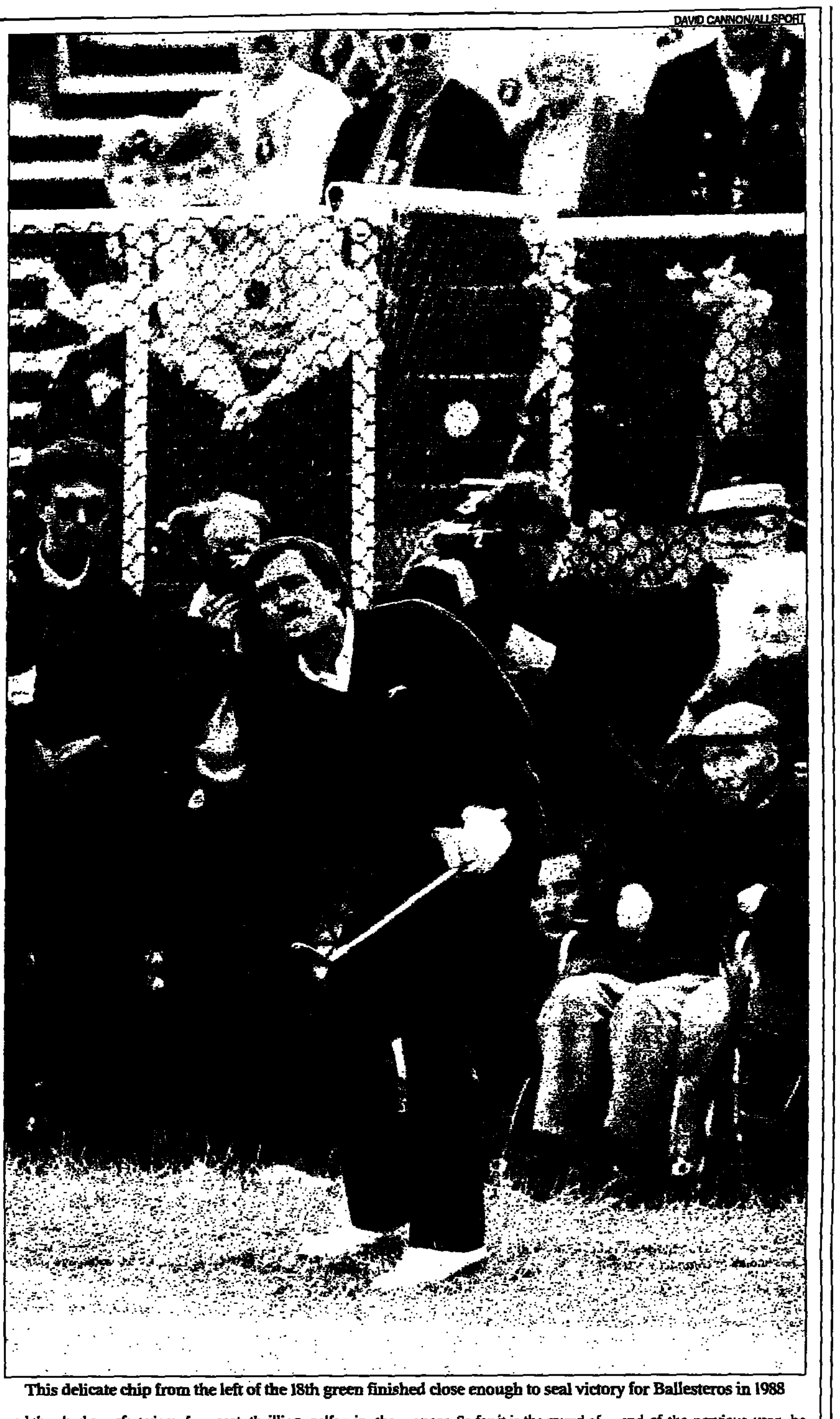


This delicate chip from the left of the 18th green finished close enough to seal victory for Ballesteros in 1988

Ballesteros's 72-hole total of 273 was the lowest in an Open at Lytham, ten strokes better than his score in 1979. After his 65, six under par, Ballesteros said: "You only hope for a round like that once every 25, maybe 50, years. So far it is the round of my life."

It was a powerful demonstration of his skills and such a change from recent form it was like a sunburst. Now we know the reason. He had finally come to terms with the death of his father two years earlier and the way had been cleared for him to marry Carmen Botin, his long-time girlfriend. Most of all, at the end of the previous year, he had concluded a four-year legal battle with his former manager. Lytham, for Ballesteros in 1988, was a stage worthy of all his magnificent talents — now they were able to be utilised once again.

TOMORROW

What chance an historic treble?

SAILING: COLLISION AND DISMASTING MARK OPENING OF CORK REGATTA

St Joan stakes claim to Sigma title

FROM EDWARD GORMAN
SAILING CORRESPONDENT
IN CROSSHAVEN, CO CORK

THE biennial Ford Cork Week regatta got fully under way here yesterday in wonderful sailing conditions — cloudless skies and a good 15-knot southeasterly kicking up a bouncy swell.

With 485 yachts entered in 15 classes, a 40 per cent increase over 1994, the regatta is in the best of health, buoyed by the addition for the first time of two sportsboat classes, the Cork-based 1720 one-design and the Melges 24, and by an enormous fleet of 72 Sigma 33s, competing in the United Kingdom championship.

After two races, the Sigma fleet was being led by Ian Nicolson, the Clyde-based yacht designer and veteran Sigma campaigner, in *St Joan*, who was third in the first race on Sunday and followed up with a win yesterday. Behind him came Jeremy Vines, in *Harmony*, and M. B. Harvey, in *Revenge*.

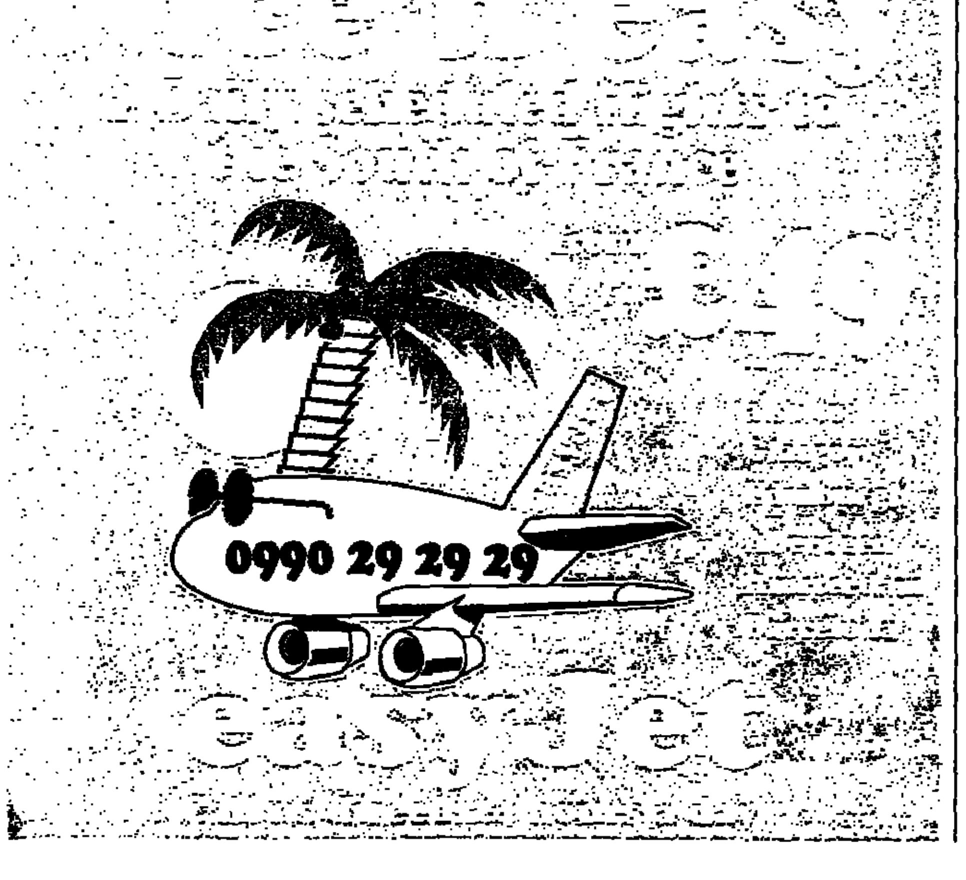
The Sigmas had an eventful third race. The Southampton-based *Typet* broke its mast at the spreaders as the yachts crashed through a mounting swell. After rounding the windward mark, crews struggled to control their spinnakers on a tight reach. One boat shredded the sail altogether, while many others failed to get the halyard up fully and sailed across the course out of control.

In Class Zero, the biggest yacht at the regatta, the 82-foot maxi, *Sorcery*, was more than 20 minutes ahead of the 30-strong fleet as she crossed the finishing line after a 31-mile sprint. The 1983-vintage Gary Mull-designed yacht, which has recently undergone a major refit, is owned by Jake Wood, from Florida, but skippered by Paddy O'Brien.

In second place on the water was the Stephen Jones-designed Oyster 46, *Essex Girl*, owned by Richard Mathews, who is preparing the boat for the Commodore's Cup, when it will be part of the English East Coast team.

The eventual winner on handicap was the Belfast Lough J120, *Enjoy*, owned by Barney Isherwood, with Roy Dixon's Corby 40, *Cracklin' Rosie*, second and Jocelyn Waller's *Silk 2*, third. *Sorcery* was seventh with *Essex Girl* twelfth.

There was drama among the Melges and 1720 fleets when the 1720, *Texoil*, sailed by John Crotty, was holed below the water line in an incident with the Melges, *Highlander 264*, sailed by Alastair Evans. Crotty was approaching the windward mark when the Melges, with its spinnaker up, gybed to port and slewed into him. Crotty managed to get the boat back to harbour and was hoping to continue today.



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RIFLE SHOOTING

Surrey marksman takes his chance

FOR Peter Chance, it was an investment that paid off handsomely (our rifle shooting correspondent writes). Last week, looking ahead to the match rifle events at the annual Bisley meeting, the company director from Lightwater, a village backing on to the Bisley ranges in Surrey, bought a new rifle; yesterday, Chance won one of the leading competitions of the meeting, the Edge Challenge Cup, with 20 shots at 1,100 and 1,200 yards.

There was a bonus, too: Chance had not won a leading match rifle prize before, so he had the strange experience of winning the tyro bronze medal alongside his gold medal and cup.

Today, Chance has his sights set on the final round of the Hopton Cup, the overall match rifle championship. He is in eighth place in the event, ten points behind the leader, George Barnard, of Northamptonshire. Realistically, however, his chances of winning the overall title are slender, for the seven shooters ahead of him include some of the most experienced in the sport, including two former Queen's Prize winners, John Powell and John Pugsley.

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *38*

CORYBANTES

(a) The Phrygian priests of Cybele, whose worship was celebrated with orgiastic dances and loud, wild music. Hence a wild, unrestrained dancer is sometimes called a *Corybant*. Professor T. H. Huxley referred to the Salvation Army in 1890 as being "Militant missionaries of a somewhat corybantic Christianity".

PAM

(b) The knave of clubs in certain card-games, also the name of a card-game: short for *Pamphile*, French for the knave of clubs.

DYVOUR

(a) The old name in Scotland for a bankrupt. From the 17th century *Dyvours* were by law compelled to wear an upper garment half yellow and half brown, with part-coloured cap and hose. Not abolished until 1836. From the French *devoir* to owe.

MAUDLIN

(c) Stupidly sentimental. *Maudlin drunk* is to be sentimentally drunk and inclined to tears. *Maudlin slip-slop* is sentimental chit-chat. The word is derived from the repentant tears of Mary Magdalene who was often portrayed after eyes swollen after weeping.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. . . . Qxe2+!; 2. Kxe2 (2. Rxe2 Rd1+; 3. Re1 Bxe4+ mating) 2. . . . Bxe4+; 3. Qd3 cxd3+; 4. Kd2 Rxe1; 5. Kxe1 d2+ and Black wins.

RADIO CHOICE

A telescope to Bank on

Discoveries from a Muddy Field. *Radio 3, 11.55am.*

Jodrell Bank, Cheshire, home of the famous radio telescope, is celebrating its first half-century. In the public eye, it has become an icon of science, even if we do not understand precisely what it is and does. The three men who have run Jodrell Bank — Bernard Lovell, Francis Graham Smith and, currently, Rod Davis — talk to the physicist, Frank Close. They remind us that, unlike the sky we can see, the radio sky is as bright by day as it is by night. Keep this fact in mind, and this history of Jodrell Bank will not blind you with science. "Only the young believe they know all about the universe: those who are older believe that everything is still to be discovered." Bernard Lovell says that. He should know. Jodrell Bank was his baby.

Meridian: Judith Weir. *BBC World Service, 12.30pm and 10.30pm.*

The *New Grove* does not rate Judith Weir worth mentioning. Not so *Meridian*. The arts programme devotes 30 minutes to the British composer whom it hails as the natural successor to Benjamin Britten. Dermot Clinch, who interviews her, struck me as knowing as much about her as she knows about herself. This degree of familiarity means that he leads us into some fascinating musical territory. They discuss, for instance, her reputation as a subversive composer — she likes to puncture "male notions of grandeur in western music-making". Clinch calls hers a God-given gift. Weir prefers to call it "a skill, just putting notes together".

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **11.30** Radio 1 Roadshow, live from Portrush in Northern Ireland **12.30pm** Kevin Greening **3.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Cling Film **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Clare Sturgess **4.00am** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes over Britain **8.30** Bob Holness and Friends **9.00** The Great White Way. Clarke Peters investigates the portrayal of race through musicals **10.00** French Connections (4/6) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl **6.55**, **7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill, incl **10.35** News from Europe and **11.30** Environment News **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck, with Katie Derham **2.05** Ruscoe on Five incl at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Carl Lewis On the Record. Lewis talks to Sarah Dickson and Philip Bacon **8.05** Inside Edge, with Rob Bonnet incl at **8.15** The Business of Sport with Paul Charles, incl Sport First with Tanni Grey **9.35** The Moguls **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sports Zone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Anything Goes **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Landmark Games **9.00** News in German **9.15** 30' Drama **9.45** Good Books **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** *Brain of Britain* **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian Feature. See Choice **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Monster Music Quiz **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Voicebox **6.30** News in German **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Monster Music Quiz **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Faith **9.30** Megamix **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian Feature. See Choice **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.10am** Voicebox **12.15** Your Questions of Faith **12.30** Megamix **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Sally Peterson **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Opera Guide **8.00** Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte **(FM)** / Robin Banks **(AM)** **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Presented by Andrew McGregor. Includes Beethoven (Piano Trio in C minor, Op 1 No 3); Delius (Cello Concerto); Debussy (Feux d'artifice, Preludes); Tippett (Fantasia Concertante on a Theme of Corelli); Handel (Chaconne in G, HWV 435); Respighi (*Pines of Rome*)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Handel (Suite in E, HWV 430); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in F, Op 54); Borodin (Symphony No 2 in B minor)
10.00 Composer of the Week: Haydn
11.00 Cheltenham Festival 1996. Live from the Pittville Pump Room. Vladimir Ovchinikov, piano. Part 1 — Scriabin (Piano Sonata No 1); Rachmaninov (Variations on a Theme of Chopin, Op 22) **11.55** Discoveries from a Muddy Field. See Choice **12.15pm** Part 2 — Ovchinikov (Prelude, Chorale and Fugue); Rachmaninov (Piano Sonata No 2 in B flat minor, original version)
1.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier. Berlioz (Overture: Les Franc-juges); Richard Rodney Bennett (Partita); Ravel, orch Tortelier (Trio in A minor)
2.10 Twilight of the Iguanas. A series exploring Spanish and Latin American Music and poetry. Includes works by the poets Rodrigo and Guastavino (2/3)
3.10 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk. With Evelyn Glennie, percussion. Elgar (Introduction and Allegro); MacMillan (Veni, veni, Emmanuel); Dvořák (Symphony No 9 in E minor, From the New World)
5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson
5.15 In Tune, with Geoffrey Baskerville. Massenet (Reste au foyer, Cendrillon); Prokofiev (They Are Seven); Mozart (Piano Sonata in D)
7.30 The Royal Opera Verdi Festival: Alzira. Recorded last week in Covent Garden. With Sorin Coliban, bass, Alexandru Agache, baritone, Toby Spence and Keith Ikaia-Purdy, tenor, Andrew Greenan, bass, Veronica Villaroel, soprano, Susan Parry, mezzo, and John Daszak, tenor. Royal Opera Chorus, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Mark Elder. Sung in Italian
9.30 1996 Reith Lectures: The Language Web, with Professor Jean Aitchison (2/5)
10.00 Ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a concert given by the Haydn Piano Trio of Vienna. Haydn (Piano Trio in G minor, H XV 19); Mendelssohn (Piano Trio in C minor, Op 66) (r)
10.45 Night Waves, with Christopher Cook
11.30 Composers Of the Week: The English Madrigalists (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes **1.00** Stravinsky, Webern and Berg **2.25** Cabanilles, Hidalgo and Duron **4.15** Brahms and Schumann **5.00** Sequence

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25**, **8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.48** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross 0171-580 4444
10.00 News; Dodwell Goes Native (FM only). Christina Dodwell sets off to explore the heart of England (1/2)
10.00 Daily Service (**LW** only)
10.15 On This Day (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Medicine Now, with Geoff Watts
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch
12.20pm Cross Questioned. Caroline Quentin hosts the panel game with team captains Toby Longworth and Richard Morton and guests Nick Revell and Francis Wheen **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Song of the Whale, by Steve Hennessey. A schoolboy hatches a plan to run away from home to watch whales in their native waters. With Guy Bingley, Russell Parry, Robert Whelan and John Jardine
2.30 Dancing for a Living. Lynne Walker talks to David Bintley, artistic director of Birmingham Royal Ballet (2/6)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Vaughan sees a new production of Alban Berg's *Lulu* at Glyndebourne, and reads a *crime* novel written by a probation officer
4.45 Short Story: Nan MacDonald's Gamble, by Hugh McMillan. Things look bleak when Nan MacDonald's husband succumbs to Alzheimer's. Read by Mary Riggans
4.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, by Anita Loos. Dramatised by Jeremy Front. With Annemarie Zola and Rebecca Front (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4
8.00 Science Now, with Peter Evans (r)
8.30 In Living Colour, with Trevor Phillips
9.00 In Touch. News, features and information for people with disabilities, with Peter White
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Merry Muse. Michael Mackenzie reads Eric Linklater's comic novel about the discovery of a long-lost pornographic manuscript by Robert Burns (2/10)
11.00 Mediumwave (r)
11.30 The Words to say It (**FM** only). A journey through black women's literature (2/4) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (**LW** only)
12.00 News, incl **12.27am** Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The Sportswriter, by Richard Ford (10/12) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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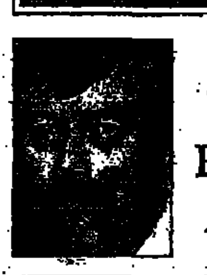
Ella put wild dogs and Englishmen in shade



Peter Barnard

Last night was a curious, old-fashioned, even socialist television night, as if someone had dug up Karl Marx and asked him to choose the programmes. From wild dogs in Africa to an environmentalist in England, the screen was awash with caring, sociable types of the all-for-one, one-for-all school.

The environmentalist was George Monbiot, described in the listings as "Britain's most-arrested environmental activist". Is there a league table of arrested environmentalists, as for schools and hospitals? There's a thought for Michael Howard.

Monbiot surveyed the green and pleasant land in **If I Were Prime Minister** (Channel 4). He found it . . . fenced. He said that 65 per cent of the land was owned by 1 per cent of the people, which is a startling statistic. Or it would be, were it a statistic. Actually it was a "rough guess".

The programme was flawed in that it tried to cover too much ground. The *full half-hour* would have benefited from being devoted to our disgraceful planning laws and Mondiot is correct in wanting the right of appeal — which extends to organisations but not individuals — abolished.

Even this part of the argument *suffered* from an overdose of rhetoric. "Do we really need a quarry that's so big it can be seen from the Moon?" Mondiot asked. To which the clinical response is that with nobody living on the Moon, who cares?

The planning case was no sooner up and running than Mondiot changed the script to berate out-of-town shopping centres, which he is of course against. So is the Government, as it happens, which is why these superstores have been banned, although 200 are in the pipeline with permission already granted.

Hardly was that issue out for an airing before Mondiot switched to his prime target, land ownership. For this section a sitting duck had been selected, namely Lord Macclesfield, a man who is to public relations what Dawn French is to anorexia.

Lord Macclesfield owns a chunk of the Chilterns and has no plans to invite you and me over for tea ("the public are vandals"). But the fact that the defence is leaden-footed and prone to clumsy tackles does not make the forward line world-beaters.

M[illegible] could be [illegible] accessible [illegible] of the people who would access it constitute a dubious bunch. I once walked a footpath which [illegible] orchard every apple had vanished from trees either side of the path. How exactly would Mondiot cope with that?

If I Were Prime Minister is a [illegible] and provocative series. I occasionally find that the concentration wavers as my mind is invaded by mischievous thoughts. [illegible] I kept wondering what John Major would do if he were Prime Minister.

Perhaps he would pick up Cabinet ministers in his mouth and shake them to maintain unity. **Wildlife Showcase** (BBC2) went to Botswana and Namibia to see if social engineering could be inflicted on dogs. Answer: not so far. In Namibia, wild dogs are all but extinct, having been shot as vermin. So the authorities captured puppies and reared them, later releasing them in the hope that their natural survival instincts would rise to the surface.

Unfortunately those instincts had been buried too deep. Whereas they should organise to hunt in a pack, individual dogs began chasing individual zebras, which was a doddle for the zebras.

Other old habits also failed to surface. In Botswana, where the dogs have not been under threat, only one female gives birth and all the other pack members take turns as babysitters and food gatherers. The Namibian pack had lost this team spirit and ended up a sorry bunch of individual scavengers.

Blessed relief from all this caring stuff arrived at 11.15pm in black and white. **Ella Fitzgerald Sings** (BBC2) was a concert from 1965 and is the first of two programmes (the other goes out tonight) transmitted as a tribute to the matchless singer who died recently.

I had the luck to be brought up listening to Fitzgerald records and the voice wings through the air from 31 years ago as if newly minted. She seems to have been born with the lungs of a horse and the larynx of a nightingale.

When she stood up, aged 15, to sing with the Chick Webb orchestra I would guess that several thousand female hopefuls sought other employment on grounds of unfair competition. Fitzgerald was everything they wished to be, and more.

Last night's concert was recorded in London with the Johnnie Spence orchestra and the Tommy Flanagan trio. Great backing, but Fitzgerald could stand up in front of a Boys' Brigade band and make it swing like a pendulum.

Ira Gershwin was quoted at the start of the programme as saying: "I never knew how good our songs were until I heard Ella sing them." She was criticised in her time for using some unworthy material and purists still argue as to whether she was a jazz singer or a popular singer.

A hell of a singer, is what she was. There were moments last night when one hardly knew whether to drool over her perfect pitch, her perfect timing, or her perfect diction.

Occupants of this space are of course supposed to drool over programmes made in colour and containing modern ideas. But occasionally there comes to the screen, usually by way of a death, a faultless performer from out of the past. When that happens, wild dogs wouldn't drag me away.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (14448)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (45719)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (3608790) **9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook** (r) (s) (6708603) **9.50 Living Dangerously** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7282516)
10.20 FILM: Dinner at Eight (1990). Television remake of George Cukor's 1933 drama of snobbery and in-fighting in New York society, with Marsha Mason, Harry Hamlin, Lauren Bacall and Charles Durning (22744887)
12.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (2489603)
12.05pm The Noble Guide (r) (2844061) **12.35 Neighbours** (s) (9807239)
1.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (48806) **1.30 Regional News** (12425239)
1.40 Small Talk (r) (Ceefax) (s) (92020332) **2.10 Entertaining Microwave** (r) (s) (96820719) **2.30 Lovejoy** (r) (s) (9171326) **3.20 Perry Mason** (Ceefax) (1846332) **4.50 Knots Landing** (r) (s) (8993239)
5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (458784)
6.00 News & Weather (Ceefax) (871)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (351)
7.00 The Good Food Show. Pete McCarthy pops out for a poppadum when he goes for an "Indian". Juliet Morris finds out if the Americans have got our ice-cream licked (Ceefax) (s) (3697)
7.30 EastEnders. It's a big day for Pat, but David and Lorraine face an unexpected problem of their own (Ceefax) (s) (535)
8.00 Dawn to Dusk: Namibia — Sand and Sea. Jonathan Scott begins his safari in north west Namibia, on the Skeleton Coast. Here he finds a national park with animals more familiar in the Antarctic. Then he heads for the heat of the Namib desert to search for the formidable and rare black rhino (Ceefax) (s) (5245)
8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart. Gary discovers that settling down in 1941 is not quite what he imagined but, having committed suicide in 1994, it won't be easy going back home (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1852)
9.00 News; Regional News; Weather (Ceefax) (8790)
9.30 Law Women: The Governor (Ceefax) (s) (940149)
10.20 FILM: The Year of Living Dangerously (1983) with Mel Gibson, Sigourney Weaver and Linda Harris. In 1965 journalist Guy Hamilton is in Indonesia on his first assignment. With the country on the verge of revolution, Hamilton falls for an attaché at the British Embassy, but the conflict between their passion and their ambitions threatens to destroy them both. Directed by Peter Weir (Ceefax) (290993)
12.15 FILM: East of Elephant Rock (1976). *with John Hurt, Judi Bowker, Christopher* Cazenove, Jeremy Kemp, Anton Rodgers, and Vajira. A tale of lust and intrigue set in 1948 in colonial Malaya. A philandering officer at the British Embassy who is suspected of sympathising with the locals embarks on an affair with a plantation owner's wife which is destined to lead to tragedy. Directed by *Don Boyd (Ceefax) (313386)*
1.45am Weather (5700369)

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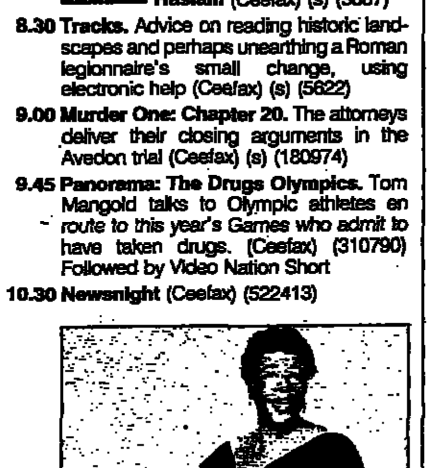
BBC2

6.00am Open University: General Relativity: at the Frontier (6061603) **6.25 Oceanography** (6977210) **6.50 Deserts** (8502719) **7.15 See Hear Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (4241158) **7.30 Smurfs' Adventures** (9289806) **7.55 Get Your Own Back** (5002245) **8.20 Postman Pat** (6423887) **8.40 The Record** (6803871) **9.05 The Great Depression** (3104608)
10.00 Playdays (5406210) **10.20 Man in a Suitcase** (8442531) **11.10 The Addams Family** (b/w) (4923429) **11.35 Great Crimes and Trials of the 20th Century** (3790622) **12.05 The Phil Silvers Show** (b/w) (7317245)
12.30pm Working Lunch (31429) **1.00 Postman Pat** (76388719) **1.15 A-Z of Food** (72100061) **1.25 Wear It Well** (76294326) **1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Ceefax) (2326581) **2.20 A Week to Remember** (38572535) **2.30 The Time of Your Life** (7445852) **2.50 Year of the Pier** (3077013) **3.00 News** and weather (9488158) **3.05 Westminster** (6295852) **3.55 News** and weather (2846852)
4.00 Cartoon (7565790) **4.05 Peter Pan and the Pirates** (2855500) **4.30 Ocean Odyssey** (Ceefax) (448) **5.00 Newsround** (8779055) **5.10 Activ-8.** Olympics edition (7138210)
5.35 I'm Still a Tourist (344036)
5.50 FILM: Hercules (1957). With Steve Reeves, Sylva Koscina, Gianna Maria Canale and Fabrizio Mione. Hercules relinquishes immortality to walk the Earth as a normal man, then tackles the Amazons and helps Jason find the Golden Fleece: as you would. Directed *by Pietro Francisci (94882535)*
7.30 Black Britain: Back to School. Why some black parents are sending their children to be educated in Caribbean schools, not trusting Britain's education system (Ceefax) (s) (177)
8.00 Public Property: Nicholas Haslam (Ceefax) (s) (3887)
8.30 Tracks. Advice on reading historic landscapes and perhaps unearthing a Roman legionnaire's small change, using electronic help (Ceefax) (s) (5622)
9.00 Murder One: Chapter 20. The attorneys deliver their closing arguments in the Avedon trial (Ceefax) (s) (180974)
9.45 Panorama: The Drugs Olympics. Tom Mangold talks to Olympic athletes en *route to this year's Games who admit to* have taken drugs. (Ceefax) (310790) Followed by Video Nation Short
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (522413)



Performing: Ella Fitzgerald (11.15pm)

11.15 Ella Fitzgerald at Ronnie Scott's. This second film showcasing the talents of the singer, who died last month, was *recorded in London in 1974 (210806)*
12.00 The Midnight Hour (23017)
12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

Public Property
BBC2, 8.00pm

As an interior designer Nicholas Haslam is *firmly at the top end of the market. His* clients tend to be the rich and the famous, from pop stars to Arab princes. For the purposes of this film, however, he agrees to forsake his usual territory (and ample fee) and redesign a doctor's surgery in suburban Croydon. After sumptuous drawing rooms for the likes of Bryan Ferry, it may seem a comedown but Haslam tackles the project with enthusiasm. When he first sees it, the surgery is drab and cramped. Haslam's recipe is more space and a subdued touch of Hollywood glamour suggested by Kelly McGillis's pad in *Top Gun*. The doctors like his ideas but relations are strained as the work goes weeks over schedule and thousands of pounds over budget. This is another watchable addition to a cleverly-devised series.

Genderquake
Channel 4, 8.00pm

For the highest divorce rate in Britain (possibly Europe) you have to go to Guildford and it is one of Susan Tully's stops as she continues to explore the shifting power balance between men and women. The thesis of *Genderquake* is that the changing job market is not just a matter of economics but is affecting personal relationships. As women's earnings and job opportunities increase, they are less prepared to stay at home and do the chores. Seven out of ten divorces are initiated by women and the film suggests that this is no coincidence. Divorcées in Guildford, at least, seem happy to be shot of their partners. But many men are having a tough time. Unable to rely on traditional jobs in heavy industry, they are having to rethink not only their domestic roles but their very masculinity.

True Stories: Crime of the Wolf
Channel 4, 9.00pm

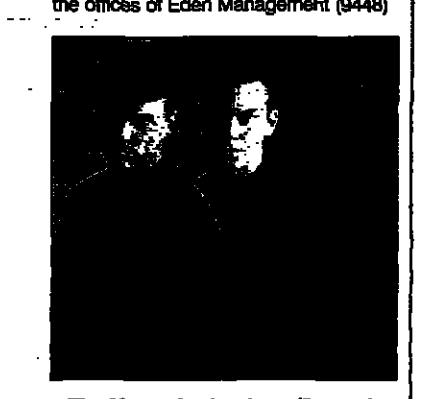
The speciality of the *True Stories* series is in *screening documentaries that run to the* length of a feature film. But *Crime of the Wolf*, made over two years in Russia by Kevin Sim and Olga Budashevka, is not so much feature as blockbuster. A running time of 2½ hours may seem daunting, but the longueurs are forgotten as the story builds to a tense and emotional climax. In a plot beloved of Hollywood scriptwriters, but here shorn of all glamour, a woman prosecutor falls in love with the criminal she is helping to bring to justice. Although he is wanted for five murders and countless armed robberies she cannot see the evil in him. Drawing on interviews with the couple, the narrative unwinds in a leisurely, enigmatic style and makes atmospheric use of railway journeys, snowscapes and bleak prison cells.

Law Women: The Governor
BBC1, 9.30

A series of excellent films about women high-fliers concludes with a portrait of Stacey Tasker, only 36 but deputy governor of Maidstone Prison. What strikes you about Tasker, who combines the burdens of a demanding job with bringing up a small daughter, is how much she smiles. It may be a way of releasing tension, or even of hiding it. To the television camera, at least, she never appears thrown. But she is serious enough about the job, mindful of the need to balance the security of the prison and the care of prisoners, and declares that if ever hanging were brought back she would resign immediately. At the same time she can be tough with the inmates, who include many lifers and other hard cases. Her promotion, announced at the end of the film, comes as no surprise. **Peter Waymark**

HTV

6.00am GMTV (1439993)
9.25 The Real Ghostbusters (6701790)
9.50 Hope and Gloria (7104784)
10.20 News (9580326)
10.25 HTV News (9589697)
10.30 FILM: The Rogue Stallion (1990) with Beth Buchanan, Brian Rooney and Michael Fawdon. A woman and her children have to overcome many difficulties when they begin a new life in New Zealand (86198055)
12.20 HTV News (2485887)
12.30pm News and weather (9999264)
12.55 Shortland Street (s) (9801055) **1.25 Simply Delicious with Family and Friends** (r) (5127061) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (S) (81794500) **2.25 Murder, She Wrote** (r) (7074429)
3.20 News (9495448)
3.25 HTV News (9494719)
3.30 The Magic House (3669516) **3.40 Tots TV** (1251142) **3.50 Sylvester and Tweety** (3663332) **4.05 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (7486239) **4.15 Transylvania Pet Shop** (5893055) **4.40 Finders Keepers** (2556448)
5.10 The Dressing Up Show (7755719)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (499185)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (527429)
6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (785332)
7.00 Emmerdale. Susie becomes a problem for Zoë (Teletext) (s) (4993)
7.30 Secrets of the Levels. Photographer Chris Chapman visits the Brue Valley, which is devoted to the preservation of wildlife (Teletext) (603)
8.00 The Bill. Cryer has to pick up the pieces when four teenage robbers try to buy into drug-dealing (Teletext) (7413)
8.30 The 10%ers. More chaotic comedy at the offices of Eden Management (9448)



The Menendez brothers (9.00pm)

9.00 Menendez: a Killing in Beverly Hills. Dramatisation of the trial of the Menendez brothers for the murder of their wealthy parents. With Edward James Olmos (1/2) (8429) **Continues after the news**
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) (28413)
10.30 HTV West (810245)
10.40 Menendez: a Killing in Beverly Hills. Concludes tomorrow (611351)
11.25 Bodies of Evidence (697326)
12.20 FILM: Stand Alone (1985) with Charles Durning, Pam Grier and James Keach. A retired man places himself in danger by offering to testify against a drugs syndicate after witnessing a brutal murder. Directed by Alan Beattie (896630)
2.10 Late & Loud (s) (5918920)
3.15 The Chart Show (r) (s) (3498369)
4.10 Murder, She Wrote (r) (s) (6581291)
5.00 Stirling and the Kingsmen (26291)
5.30 Morning News (11272)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:
5.10pm-5.40 Yan Can Cook: the Best of China (7755719)
6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (785332)
7.30-8.00 Time Out (603)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
10.30am Lady Boss (86198055)
12.55pm Emmerdale (9801055)
1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (61727516)
1.55 Home and Away (92948784)
2.25 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (61877887)
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (7548993)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7755719)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (36974)
7.30-8.00 No Place Like Home (603)
11.25 Prisoner Cell Block H (697326)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
10.30am Lady Boss (86198055)
12.55pm Home and Away (9801055)
1.25 Cross Wits (61727516)
1.55 A Country Practice (78566413)
2.20 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (61878516)
2.50-3.20 Simply Delicious in France and Italy (9666790)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7755719)
6.25-7.00 Central News (785332)
7.30-8.00 The Millionaires (603)
11.25 Film: Double Deception (248790)
1.10am Late & Loud (4482727)
2.15 Funny Business (51494)
2.45 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late (133497)
3.45 The Big Match — Replayed (7913949)
4.25 Jobfinder (6577098)
5.20 Asian Eye (1223098)

MERIDIAN

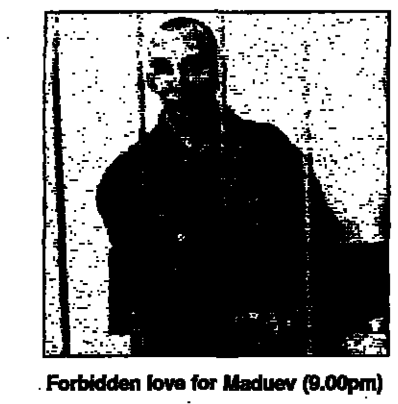
As HTV West except:
10.30 Sinatra (43023448)
12.05pm Warner Cartoon (3682413)
12.55 Emmerdale (9801055)
1.25 Home and Away (61727516)
1.55 Shortland Street (78566413)
2.20 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (61878516)
2.50-3.20 Girls, Girls, Girls (9666790)
5.10 Home and Away (7755719)
5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - Making It Happen (255790)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (239)
6.30-7.00 Take 7 (719)
7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (603)
11.25 Prisoner Cell Block H (697326)
5.00am Freescreen (26291)

S4C

Starts: 6.30 Chicken Minute (84018) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (38429) **9.00 Film: It All Came True** (30424264) **10.45 Film: Beat the Devil** (50438513) **12.30pm Waterways** (53697) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (31516) **1.30 Film: Flamingo Road** (52418993) **3.15 Ricki Lake** (8356516) **4.00 Backdate** (332) **4.30 If I Were Prime Minister** (516) **5.00 5 Pump: Anturiaethau** (7612264) **5.15 5 Pump: Maldwyn** (8856158) **5.30 Countdown** (968) **6.00 Newyddion** (803871) **6.15 Heno** (338968) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (732239) **7.25 Gwerin Y Werin** (990142) **8.00 Hanes Y Byd** (5055) **8.30 Newyddion** (6090) **9.00 Rasus** (6871) **10.00 Brookside** (297055) **10.35 Tour de France** (543055) **11.05 Film: Handgun** (716516) **12.55am Black Bag** (6508388)

CHANNEL 4

6.30am Chicken Minute (r) (84018)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (38429)
9.00 FILM: It All Came True (1940, b/w) with *Humphrey Bogart and Ann Sheridan.* A comedy-drama about a gangster who is reformed by the owners of a boarding house he is hiding out in. Directed by Lewis Seiler (Teletext) (30424264)
10.45 FILM: Beat the Devil (1954, b/w) with Humphrey Bogart, Jennifer Jones, Gina Lollobrigida and Robert Morley. A comedy thriller directed by John Huston (Teletext) (50438513)
12.30pm On the Road to the Islands (Teletext) (s) (53697)
1.00 Sesame Street (r) (41852)
2.00 Catour. Animation. Followed by **Gerald McBoing McBoing** (96826993)
2.15 FILM: Best Foot Forward (1943). Musical with Lucille Ball and Tommy Dix. Directed by Edward Buzzell (239429)
4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (332) **4.30 Countdown** (Teletext) (s) (516) **5.00 Ricki Lake** (Teletext) (s) (5838264) **5.45 Terrytoons** (344622)
6.00 Blossom. At the senior prom, Blossom, Joey and Six mend differences heal the rifts with their partners (r) (Teletext) (s) (445871)
6.25 Tour de France. The 16th stage, from Agen to Lourdes Hautacam (783974)
7.00 Channel 4 News(810887)
7.55 The Slot (153448)
8.00 Genderquake. Susan Tully meets divorced women in Surrey and meets a group of men who have had to shed their traditional macho image in order to survive as "new 1990s men" in Glasgow (Teletext) (s) (5055)
8.30 Brookside. Jimmy's determination fills Jackie with pride and Mick's reaction to Leo's beating hits Danny like a slap in the face (Teletext) (s) (6090)



Forbidden love for Maduev (9.00pm)

9.00 *True Stories: Crime of the Wolf* (Teletext) (s) (16072622)
11.25 FILM: Turtle Beach (1992) starring Greta Scacchi, Joan Chen and Jack Thompson. A political drama about an Australian photo-journalist who puts her life in danger when she goes to cover the plight of the Vietnamese boat people interned in Malaysia (Teletext) (s) (956852)
1.00am Watching the Detectives. The first of *a five-part series on the real world of the* private detective, beginning with Steve McLoughlin, a typical British gumshoe based in Manchester (r) (Teletext) (4484185)
2.05 FILM: Red Headed Woman (1932, b/w). starring Jean Harlow and Chester Morris. Romantic drama about a typist *struggling* to be accepted by her weathly divorced boss's society friends. Directed by Jack Conway (9212543). Ends at **3.30**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (81535) 9.00 Press Your Luck (1982326) 9.20 Love Connection (3629448) 9.45 Oprah Winfrey (9369351) 10.40 International Jeopardy! (6407516) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (1367500) 12.00 Sightings (41332) 12.30pm Murphy Brown (79603) 1.00 Hotel (74158) 2.00 Geraldo (45245) 3.00 Court TV (8072) 3.30 Oprah Winfrey (5487264) 4.15 Undun (4110974) 5.00 Quantum Leap (8784) 6.00 Beverly Hills 90210 (87622) 7.00 Spellbound (9413) 7.30 M*A*S*H (2239) 8.00 Sightings (31413) 9.00 The X-files (24177) 10.00 Quantum Leap (27264) 11.00 Highlander (98871) 12.00 Late Show (1088814) 12.45am A Death in California (5308185) 1.30 The Edge (67659) 2.00 Hit Mix

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (7909239) 9.30 Fashion TV (40993) 10.30 ABC Nightline (58622) 1.30pm CBS News (26239) 2.30 Parliament Live (1780005) 5.00 Live at Five (92871) 6.30 Tonight with Adam Boulton (69697) 7.30 Sportsline (18719) 8.30 Target (5210) 11.30 CBS News (99871) 12.30am ABC News (49479) 1.30 Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (85814) 2.30 Target (81681) 3.30 Parliament Replay (19456) 4.30 CBS News (24291) 5.30 ABC News (53272)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Gay Divorcee (1934) (49806) 8.00 Kim (1950) (63697) 10.00 The Hudsucker Proxy (1994) (80719) 12.00 Rugged Gold (1993) (59448) 2.00pm Mr Mum (1983) (18516) 4.00 Night Train to Kathmandu (1988) (8516) 6.00 The Hudsucker Proxy (1994) (25852) 8.00 No Escape (1993) (37697) 10.00 The Specialist (1994) (192887) 11.50 The Slingshot (1994) (494177) 1.35am The Ballad of Little Jo (1993) (190814) 3.35-6.00 The Amorous Adventures of Moll Flanders (1965) (55249746)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 West Point Story (1950) (83790) 2.00pm The Heiress (1949) (90158) 4.00 An American in Paris (1951) (8158) 6.00 The Last American Hero (1973) (79652) 8.00 Enemy Mine (1985) (19239) 10.00 The Believers (1987) (81968) 12.00 Firecreek (1968) (777140) 1.45am Love with the Proper Stranger (1963) (165253) 3.30-5.25 An American in Paris (1951) (431776)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am When Willie Comes Marching Home (1950) (49177) 7.30 From the Earth to the Moon (1979) (42264) 8.30 Spider-Man: Wolfpack/the Kirkwood Haunting (1973) (66968) 10.00 You Can't Cheat an Honest Man (1939) (71061) 12.00 It's in the Air (1938) (40790) 2.00pm Final Days of Butch and Sundance (1993) (16158) 4.00 Spider-Man: Wolfpack/the Kirkwood Haunting (5495582) 7.30 Special Feature (1177) 8.00 Johnny's Girl (1995) (35239) 10.00 The Last Seduction (1994) (749055) 11.55 Royce (1993) (751974) 1.35am So I Married an Axe Murderer (1993) (144663) 3.10 O.C. and Stiggs (1984) (196104) 5.00-6.00 From the Earth to the Moon (1979) (32036)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.05am Quack Attack (78984158) 6.30 Chip 'n' Dale (84322413) 6.55 Chip 'n' Dale (84414448) 7.20 Ducktales (84416457) 7.45 Ducktales (58643581) 8.05 Quack Attack (22580055) 8.35 Darkwing Duck (47681500) 9.00 Darkwing Duck (85347622) 9.30 Quack Attack (14917968) 10.00 Best of Disney Presents (59302500) 11.00 Chip 'n' Dale (82055264) 11.20 Chip 'n' Dale (82568784) 11.45 Adventures in Wonderland (52803622) 12.15pm Lamb Chop (84280429) 12.45 Muppet Babies (50436871) 1.00 FILM: D2: The Mighty Ducks (84818413) 3.00 Ducktales (10811239) 3.25 Quack Attack (10996974) 3.50 Chip 'n' Dale (68354968) 4.15 Darkwing Duck (99078871) 4.40 Darkwing Duck (73323332) 5.00 Gargoyles (68519535) 5.30 Best of Disney Presents (78787790) 6.20 Emerald Cove (52359697) 6.30 Dinosaurs (84004887) 7.00 Thunder Alley (68426871) 7.30 FILM: D2: The Mighty Ducks (98106871) 9.30-10.00 Dinosaurs (14004448)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Indycar (77974) 9.00 Cycling (14974) 10.00 Speedworld (94806) 11.30 Boxing (56806) 12.30pm Triathlon (50852) 1.30 BMX (76968) 2.00 Live Cycling (549622) 4.30 Offroad (26974) 5.30 Tractor Pulling (17790) 6.30 Four-wheels (4239) 7.00 Truck Racing (59887) 8.00 Boxing (68535) 9.00 Cycling (162603) 9.50 Sportscentre (124697) 10.00 Snooker (18790) 11.30-12.30am Darts (39413)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am This Week in Baseball (32239) 7.30 Sports Unlimited (99142) 8.30 Racing News (42142) 9.00 Aerobics (39622) 9.30 Skiff Sailing (70413) 10.00 American Sports Cavalcade (13158) 11.00 This Week in Baseball (49968) 11.30 Rebel Sports (40697) 12.00 Aerobics (26158) 12.30pm Pro-Beach Soccer (9466790) 1.25 Sunday League Cricket: Warwickshire v Lancashire — Live (82045187) 7.00 Sports Centre (160603) 7.05 Asian Football Show (902852) 8.00 The 1995 Open Official Film (77239) 9.00 Pro-Beach Soccer (59608) 10.00 Sports Centre (939081) 10.15 Skiff Sailing (983581) 10.45 Sunday League Cricket (967622) 11.45 The 1995 Open Official Film (353806) 12.45am Pro-Beach Soccer (288017) 1.45 Skiff Sailing (222659) 2.15-2.30 Sports Centre (6821458)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm FA Cup Classics: The Seventies Collection — Arsenal v Man Utd (8452622) 11.30 Game of Billions (8281603) 12.30am-1.30 Pots of Gold: Thorburn v Griffiths (6064920)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Kidz TV 4.30 Jack Van Impe Presents 5.00 Voice of Victory with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland 5.30 Christian Music TV 5.45 Crano Dollar 6.15 Power for Living with Colin Dye 6.45-7.00 Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (3218158) 7.55 As the World Turns (4926326) 8.50 Peyton Place (8417210) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (9094500) 10.10-11.00 Another World

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (8946722) 11.30 Trailside — Make Your Own Adventure (9599041) 12.00 Mansions (6098210) 12.30pm Floyd on Oz (8641719) 1.00 Getaway (8101142) 1.30 Italy (8633790) 2.00 Discover America (1087764) 3.00 Globetrotter (2698332) 3.30 Around the World . . . in 30 Minutes (5975210) 3.55-4.00 Holiday Shop (88409974)

Humphrey Bogart in *The Maltese Falcon* (TNT, 9.00pm)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

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Popular American forced out of this year's Open Championship

Watson's run ended by injury

By John Hopkins
Golf Correspondent

THE 125th Open, which starts at Royal Lytham and St Annes on Thursday, was dealt a blow yesterday afternoon when Tom Watson withdrew from it because of an injured shoulder.

Watson, who has been playing social golf in Ireland and Scotland prior to the Open, as has been his wont for some years now, telephoned Michael Bonallack, the secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, with the news that he was unable to play and was flying home to the United States for immediate treatment. He then telephoned Bruce Edwards, his caddie, from somewhere in the Highlands, to tell him that his services would not be required.

Watson has been one of the greatest supporters of the Open, as well as one of its most successful competitors with five victories. He won the first he entered — at Carnoustie in 1975 — and had not missed one since. The last major championship he did not compete in was the 1974 Open, a run of 87 consecutive major championships.

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The injury occurred before Watson left the United States, but it did not stop him playing at Ballybunion, where he has done some alterations to several holes on the Old course, for two days last week. He and Stan Thirsk, his coach, had landed at the Co Kerry airport in a private jet from the US. The plan was to go to Northern Ireland but upon being appraised of the political situation there, the pilot declined to fly north. "We can stay here for a week," Watson said, his face lighting up.

In Ireland, Watson was asked why no American professional had won at Lytham. "Just timing" he replied, holding up his hands. He said he fully expected one to win this year, saying there were 39 due to compete. He particularly singled out Mark Brooks and Mark O'Meara, both of whom were, coincidentally, at Ballybunion with him, and Steve Stricker, the promising 29-year-old who has won twice in six weeks on the US Tour this year. "When I look at Steve I see myself at that age," Watson said. "He is a rookie at the Open but he has what it takes."

The Watson party flew on to Scotland and played at Skibo Castle, where Greg Norman and Fred Couples were also staying, as well as Royal Aberdeen where Watson allegedly had a 69. "Tom must be really hurting if he hasn't even made it here," Edwards said. "As well as he's been playing he would have had a great chance." Edwards will now caddie for Ian Baker-Finch, who has made money in only one of his past 41 tournaments. "Hopefully, together we can break that string," Edwards said. "If Finchy wasn't such a decent guy I wouldn't caddie for him."

The sun shone benevolently yesterday and only the gentlest of north-westerly winds was blowing, luring one player after another out on the links almost as soon as they arrived in this corner of Lancashire.

Greg Norman and John Daly, the defending champion, played a match against Ernie Els and Michael Campbell, the young pretenders from the southern hemisphere. Norman and Daly, though having to pay out $200 on the front nine, won $700 on the back nine to finish $500 to the good. It was Norman's first visit to Lytham since 1979. He missed the 1988 event because he had injured a wrist in the US Open a month previously.

"I think this is a great driver's course," Norman, who had flown in after a holiday in the south of France and playing a *Shell Wonderful World of Golf* match against Couples at Skibo Castle, said. "You've got to thread the eye of a needle here. There is a real premium in keeping it on the fairway. In that regard it's like Royal St George's." Daly looked down the 18th fairway and remarked that it had more bunkers than he had ex-wives.

The by now traditional withdrawal of Scott Hoch took place right on schedule. The man who feels he was ambushed by aggressive British journalists and shabbily treated prior to the 1990 Open at St Andrews, won the Michelob championship in Virginia on Sunday night and then confirmed he was not intending to travel to Lytham.

"I realise it's a major — one of the biggest if not the biggest," Hoch said. "But I checked with people whose opinions I value and they said I wouldn't like Lytham anyway."

Earlier he had said: "The main thing I dislike when you go from over here is that you go from nice weather conditions to cold, windy and rainy weather. I don't care for that."

His remarks would have more validity if it were not for the fact that next week he is due to compete in the Dutch Open — no doubt for a hefty appearance fee.

Lorne Duncan, a caddie, would have liked Hoch to have competed because he might have been able to carry his bag. Duncan, an engaging Canadian, made a name for himself in a recent Open by carrying for Craig Stadler while wearing plus fours and a bow tie. He was loitering in the car park yesterday — roasting, in caddies' jargon — hoping to find a player in need of his services.

He saw Norman practising his putting, approached him and, tongue in cheek, asked if he needed a caddie. Norman laughed. "That's good," Duncan said. "At least I'm providing some entertainment."

Then Stadler drove into the car park, one of the last players to arrive. But he did not need a caddie either.

It will be odd to watch an Open without Watson because he has played such an important role in so many. Even lately, as his putting has declined and thus his chances of winning have lengthened, his popularity has increased, if anything. When Severiano Ballesteros heard the news, he caught the general mood.

"That's too bad," the man who won here in 1979 and 1988, said. "He is a nice man and it was good to see him wim The Memorial recently."

KEVIN COOMBS

Els, left, and Norman are interested spectators as Daly, the Open champion, checks the condition of his driver during practice yesterday

IAN STEWART

Faldo studies video evidence after having his swing filmed by Leadbetter, his coach

English rugby seeks way in from the cold

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

OFFICERS of the beleaguered Rugby Football Union (RFU) were locked in talks yesterday in an effort to break the deadlock that exists between them and the other three home unions. Doors remain open for discussion, but representatives of Scotland, Wales and Ireland have emphasised that the initiative now rests firmly with England.

Will Carling, the former England captain, has called for a return to the negotiating table over the controversial broadcasting deal struck independently of the Celtic unions by the RFU with BSkyB, the satellite television company which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owners of *The Times*. That would involve a climbdown by a union which is now a house divided.

The RFU is in no position to offer leadership to the game in England, never mind the wider boundaries of Europe and the northern hemisphere. To that extent the logic of John Burgess, the former RFU president who launched a bitter diatribe against the union's officials on Friday, cannot be faulted. What sort of a governing body is it that requires an independently-chaired panel to examine the breakdown in relationships between its own officers and staff?

Scotland, Wales and Ireland, for their part, are already preparing for the four nations', home-and-away, tournament with which they will replace the existing five nations' championship in January should no way be found out of the present impasse. "If we are to re-schedule fixtures and accommodate them within our own domestic calendars, work must start now," Alan Hosie, Scotland's representative on the five nations' committee, said.

"International rugby can continue without England and, until such time as the RFU is prepared to negotiate all matters relating to the five nations' championship through the five nations' committee, we must make our alternative plans accordingly." The other home unions have stressed that, if the RFU resorts to the small print in the existing BBC broadcasting contract, which does not end until next April, it will fail.

"Any talk by England of legal action is silly," Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union and himself a QC, said. "We have discussed the four nations' tournament with the BBC and they have given us assurances that they have no difficulty with it at all.

"The BBC bought a series of international matches, not a specific championship. They are happy and their conduct throughout all this has been entirely honourable."

In fact, though BBC executives were thin on the ground yesterday — waiting with some impatience for rugby union to sort itself out — it may suit them to hold their fire. The RFU has emphasised all along (indeed, it is a fundamental plank in its argument) that it has allowed for a terrestrial partner to Sky in its negotiations; if none comes forward, its contract must be at risk.

At least the BBC knows it will have some rugby to stage next season, and possibly in subsequent seasons, if the home unions remain at arm's length from England: "It's desperate if England are not there but it could turn out to be a cracking tournament rugby-wise, with the home-and-away element encouraging greater risks," Pugh, whose team, along with Scotland, played the brightest rugby of last season's championship, said. "It might be the beginning of the game turning a corner in the north."

Already there has been concern from South Africa over next summer's tour by the British Isles and Lions officials have been at pains to emphasise no threat to that tour exists. Their concern is to select individual players to tour and, as history shows, those players may not always have played international rugby during the preceding season.

Carling entered the fray yesterday when he said: "I don't believe English rugby can survive without the five nations. Players will feel tremendous frustration ... if international rugby is taken away, or placed in doubt, you're going to get very unhappy players who I don't think will just sit and accept the situation."

Players whose national contracts, Carling might have added, may all of a sudden be worth far less than might have been expected.

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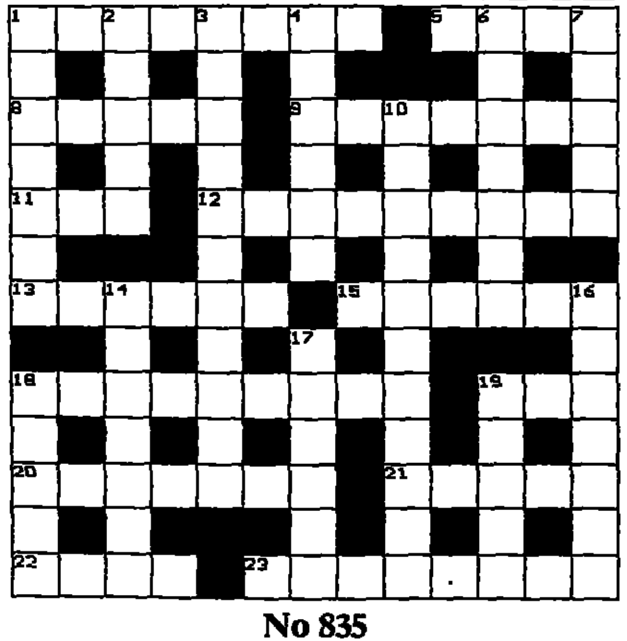

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United to conclude Poborski deal

By David Maddock

KAREL POBORSKI, the Czech Republic midfield player who made such an impact during the European championship, should today become a Manchester United player, despite a reported resurgence of interest from Liverpool. The Slavia Prague player held talks with Maurice Watkins, United's legal director, over the weekend and agreed in principle to sign for the Premiership champions. The club's offer of £3.6 million was discussed yesterday by the Slavia board, and agreement is expected to be reached this morning.

Complications set in as the day unfolded, however, when reports from Prague suggested that Liverpool had emerged as late rivals for the signature of the player — dubbed the Express Train — who became one of the characters of Euro 96.

Ken Ramsden, the assistant secretary of Manchester United, denied any knowledge of a bid from Liverpool. "We have had talks and are now simply waiting for an answer from Poborski's club," he said, "we expect that in the morning, and we are confident of completing the deal."

A statement from Liverpool late in the afternoon confirmed their interest in Poborski, but denied any attempt to outmanoeuvre United. "There is interest, but we have not travelled to the Czech Republic to speak to him, and we would only become involved if the deal with Manchester United fell through," Peter Robinson, the chief executive, said.

Liverpool are more interested in pursuing Poborski's international teammate, Patrick Berger, who is playing in Germany with Borussia Dortmund. The Anfield club has already had one offer of £2.5 million rejected, but their interest has intensified after an injury to Mark Kennedy, the left winger.

The Republic of Ireland international could miss the start of the season with Achilles tendon trouble, and that leaves Liverpool short on the left side with Rob Jones and Steve Harkness both long-term casualties. An improved offer for Berger could follow later this week.

The dispute between the Football League and the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) took another turn yesterday after Gordon Taylor, the PFA chief executive, warned of action to recover television money he claims is owed in back payments.

The two bodies are in dispute over the league's seasonal payment to the players' union. The union claims that it has an agreement whereby it should be paid ten per cent of television income. The League has refused to increase last season's payment of £560,000, despite the new £25 million deal struck with BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, parent company of *The Times*.Taylor said that the League had failed to honour its 10 per cent agreement in recent years, and that action would be taken to recover the money.

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Al Gore after talks with Viktor Chernomyrdin, who stood in for the absent Boris Yeltsin in Moscow yesterday

Yeltsin fails to meet Gore as health fears revive

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

IN A BIZARRE lapse of protocol, Al Gore, the American Vice-President, arrived at the Kremlin yesterday for a meeting with President Yeltsin only to be told that he had gone on holiday.

Both sides tried rather lamely to brush off the embarrassing incident, which intensified fears about Mr Yeltsin's health and sent shivers through stock markets. Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, who held talks with Mr Gore instead, said that Mr Yeltsin was "resting".

A stony-faced Mr Gore, the first senior foreign guest in Moscow since Mr Yeltsin was re-elected for a new term, admitted that he had learnt the meeting has been cancelled only shortly before it was due to take place. He had only a few minutes' advantage over a large group of reporters, who had gathered to cover the non-existent encounter. The Kremlin said the meeting with the President had been rescheduled to today and would be held in a sanatorium at Barvikha, outside Moscow.

At the same time Mr Yeltsin showed that he was politically vigorous, if not in the best of health, with a decree that gave a new liberal look to the Kremlin. He sacked the hardliner Nikolai Yegorov as his chief of staff and replaced him with Anatoli Chubais.

Kremlin aides were quick to say that Mr Yeltsin was not ill. "The President is tired," said Sergei Medvedev, the presidential spokesman. "He is really tired. He needs good and complete rest."

Mr Medvedev said Mr Yeltsin would be resting for two weeks at Barvikha, but was not in need of medical treatment. The President recuperated at Barvikha, a traditional Politburo rest home, after suffering a mild heart attack last October.

After adopting a very high profile during the election campaign, Mr Yeltsin virtually dropped out of public view after the first round of voting on June 16. He voted at Barvikha in the second round on July 3 and has been seen only in carefully controlled settings since then. In his last television appearance last Friday when he spoke at a meeting of the FSB, successor to the KGB, he looked stiff and tired but not noticeably ill.

Mr Yeltsin has run up a long list of mysterious episodes and cancelled appearances over the past four years. His staff routinely say that there is nothing wrong with his health besides a little heart trouble. But he is assumed to have a drinking problem and also said to have problems with his liver and kidneys. Mr Medvedev said Mr Yeltsin had chosen to rest at Barvikha, instead of the Black Sea resort of Sochi, so as to be able to work on reshuffling the Government and the Kremlin apparatus.

Mr Yeltsin's first key appointment since the election will gladden the West and the Russian "democrats". He rewarded the reformist team who formed the nucleus of his re-election campaign by making Mr Chubais, a staunch liberal, the head of his administration.

Mr Chubais, who was sacked from the Government last January, has been given ten days to put forward plans for overhauling the Kremlin apparatus and has every opportunity to shape it in his own image.

The appointment is another heavy blow for the Kremlin hardliners, whose stock has plummeted since the election. Nikolai Yegorov, the outgoing chief of staff, was one of the men held most responsible for launching the war in Chechenia and a close ally of Aleksandr Korzhakov, Mr Yeltsin's security chief until he was dismissed.

A former collective farm boss, Mr Yegorov's authoritarian style went down very badly in the Kremlin. Last week a member of the administration said privately that, if Mr Yegorov stayed, all the best professionals and analysts in the administration would leave.

Mr Yeltsin is a master of the divide-and-rule school of politics and Mr Chubais will be a strong counterweight to Aleksandr Lebed, the new powerful Secretary of the Security Council.

☐ **Riga:** Andris Shkele, the Latvian Prime Minister, said yesterday that he was reshuffling his Cabinet to streamline government, cut spending and increase efficiency. His aides insisted the changes would not destabilise the Baltic state's six-party Government of unlikely partners, who include right-wing nationalists and former Communists. *(Reuter)*

Great survivor takes control of the Kremlin machinery

BY THOMAS DE WAAL

MAN IN THE NEWS

Chubais: back in power

ONLY six months ago, when Anatoli Chubais was cast out of government, it seemed the economic reformer was heading for a future in the burgeoning Russian private sector that would keep him from high office for years.

His return at the age of 41 to one of the half-dozen most powerful jobs in Moscow is a dramatic comeback and must now make him a leading contender to get the job of Prime Minister before President Yeltsin's new four-year term expires. The job of running the Kremlin apparatus, a new departure for a career economist, gives him day-to-day control of the whole mini-government that is the presidential administration.

Mr Chubais earned this sudden rehabilitation by being one of the main strategists of Mr Yeltsin's election victory. He gathered a team of professionals who lifted the President from single-figure poll ratings in February to a comfortable victory in July.

In performing that feat, Mr Chubais displayed all the characteristics which have made him the bugbear of the Communist-nationalist opposition for the past four years: a sharp intelligence, an arrogant conviction in himself and a fighting streak.

Tall, red-headed and fluent in English, Mr Chubais comes from a group of free-thinking Leningrad economists who met informally in the Soviet era. In late 1991, he was one of a group called in by the new acting Prime Minister, Yegor Gaidar, to form a new government. Mr Chubais oversaw what was probably the most ambitious privatisation project in history.

In December 1994, he was made First Deputy Prime Minister in charge of the economy and his efforts at achieving macroeconomic stabilisation won him applause. When he took the job, inflation was at 16 per cent a month. Eight months later it had dropped to 5 per cent.

By managing to remain in his job until January 1996, Mr Chubais proved himself to be the most tenacious of the 1992 class of reformers and the most politically astute.

Pay claim makes enemies at Friends

FROM QUENTIN LETTS
IN DENVER

A scene from an episode of *Friends*: the smiles belie the enmity between the cast and the producers

CAST members of *Friends*, the American television sitcom, have threatened to go on strike.

In an unusual bout of militancy, the show's glamorous stars, all of them highly bankable, are behaving in anything but an amicable manner towards their production bosses. They have allegedly refused to report for work at Warner Bros Television unless their basic pay is increased to a tidy $100,000 (£64,000) each per episode of the top-rated show. Some 20 episodes are made a year.

The sitcom has been a great success since it opened two years ago and the previously unknown stars have become celebrities, both at home and in the many foreign countries where *Friends* amuses audiences with its mildly ironic take on six urbane twenty-somethings.

Courtney Cox, Jennifer Aniston, Matthew Perry, David Schwimmer, Lisa Kudrow and Matt LeBlanc are this year's musketeers of showbusiness. Their love lives are chronicled in the tabloid press. Miss Anniston's haircut has set a trend (she also posed naked with a snake for a magazine cover), and the sextet have bagged advertising deals and endorsements.

Now they want more. At the start of the series, the actors were paid $25,000 each per episode. That was increased, but they are not satisfied. They are said to be demanding a share of the $4 million profit that Warner and the show's distributor, NBC, makes on each show. That profit will probably increase with time.

In line with their screen characters, the *Friends* cast is understood to be following the first rule of effective industrial action: comradely unity. Film producers can normally count on the natural insécurity of actors to lead to on-set rivalries which can then be capitalised on to weaken casts' negotiating positions. But the *Friends* crowd are currently inseparable.

Warner may be reflecting that, in creating the success of *Friends*, it has created a monster. Such opinions were being voiced earlier this year when publicity for the show got out of hand. Every magazine, newspaper and television chat show, it seemed, featured an interview with a self-satisfied *Friends* star. Producers worried that the show would suffer from overkill.

Apparently formulaic, the sitcom's fine ensemble acting and sharp script have attracted a sizeable British audience. More than four million British viewers currently tune into the new series on Channel 4, a remarkable figure for a cult comedy and twice the ratings for the first series.

The show's success has also attracted big-name guest stars, including British singer Chrissie Hynde, Tom Selleck, Julia Roberts and Jean Claude Van Damme.

Actors George Clooney and Noah Wyle, heart-throbs from the equally successful American series *ER*, appeared in one episode as doctors.

The cast of *Friends* will know that the longer they refuse to work, the greater the pressure on the producers, who must deliver shows in time for network slots and syndication demands. Legally, the players may be in a weak position.

It is normal for television series to ask stars to sign a standard five-year deal which restricts the freedom of actors to work elsewhere and limits the amount of power to negotiate pay rises. If the Friends cast are on such a contract, they may be boxed in until 1999, and by that time the show may have lost its freshness.

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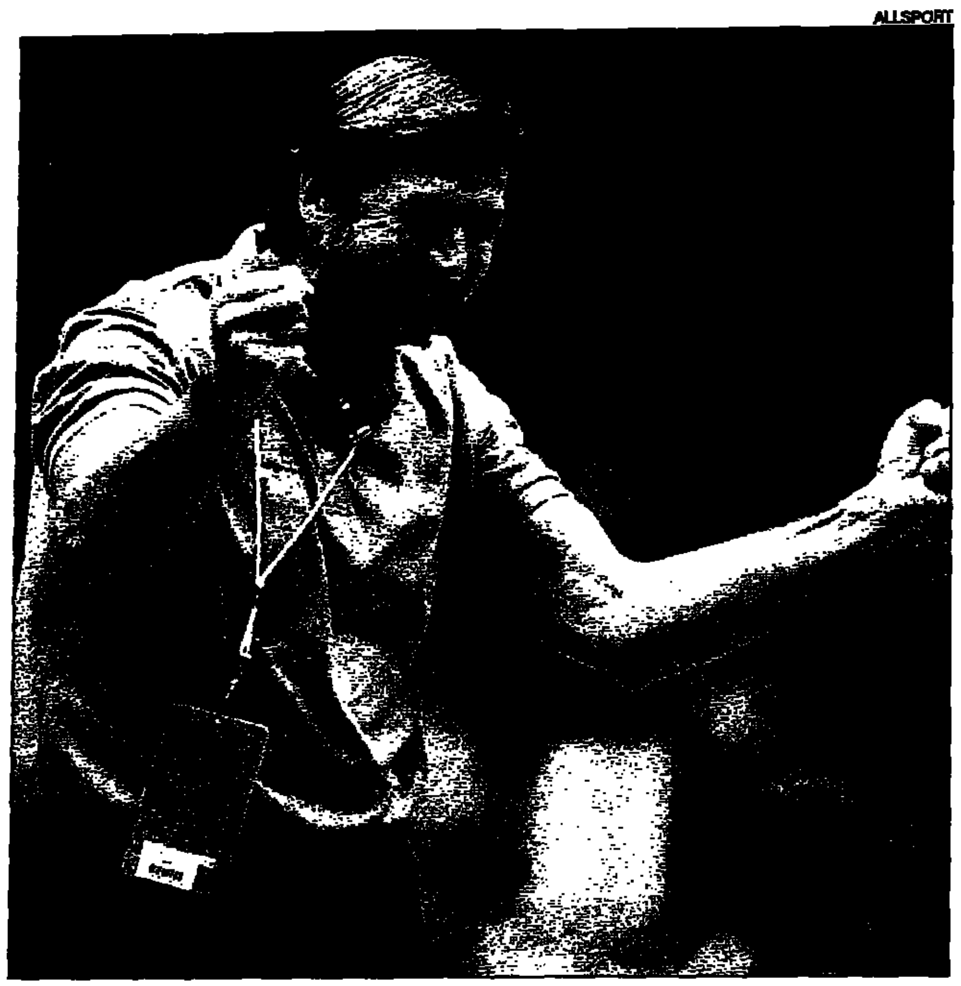
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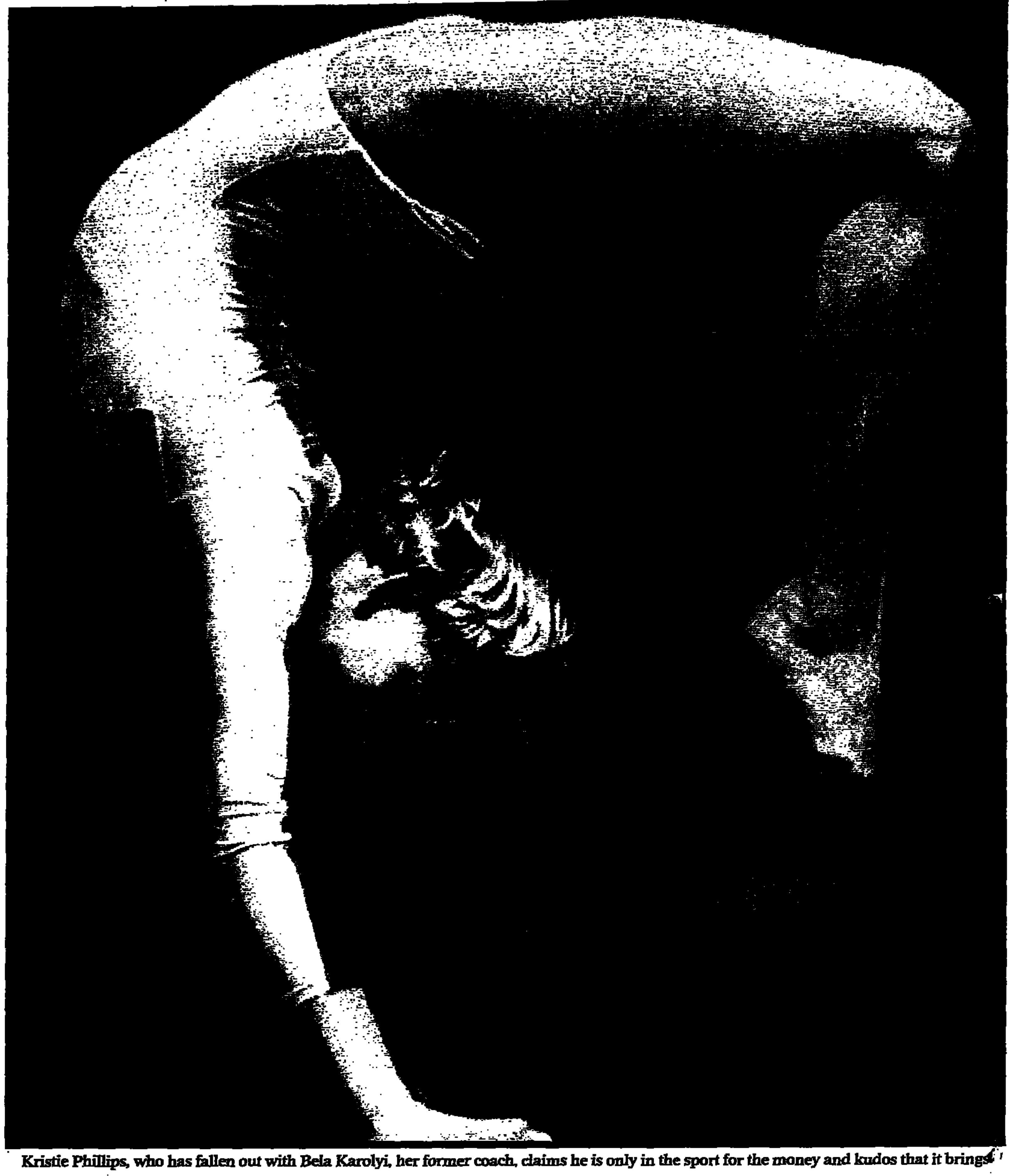
Bela Karolyi left Ceausescu's Romania to take up coaching gymnastics in America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Kristie Phillips, who has fallen out with Bela Karolyi, her former coach, claims he is only in the sport for the money and kudos that it brings

The dream of Olympic glory lures many girls to become gymnasts. A new book from America, however, suggests that such hopefuls endure immense physical and mental pressure with little chance of success. Quentin Letts reports

When the Olympic Games begin on Friday, the highlight for many television viewers for the following fortnight will be the women's gymnastics. Since the days of Olga Korbut and Nadia Comaneci, female gymnasts have been the darlings of the summer games, their valiant little smiles and flying pigtails winning hearts across the world.

"Ah, isn't she a doll?" we will murmur over cups of cocoa before the broadcast returns to an impressed Desmond Lynam in the studio. Even when the gymnasts know they have erred they will complete their routines with a wide smile, and skip back to their trainers to be given a consoling hug for the cameras.

Armchair fans who want to enjoy the broadcasts from the gymnastics hall at Atlanta should avoid reading a new book by a San Francisco sports writer, Joan Ryan. She, like many of us, was initially entranced by the world of women's or, more correctly, girls' gymnastics. But when she started to talk to former US gymnasts and their parents about what actually goes on during preparations for events such as the Olympics, she was filled with disgust.

Ryan's book reports widespread warping of young American bodies and minds, and in some cases a disregard by coaches for the wellbeing of their brittle-boned young charges. Girls as young as six are submitted to regimes as bad, surely, as anything ever seen behind the Iron Curtain.

They are bullied by their trainers, pressured by their parents — who pay thousands of dollars in gym fees — and in extreme cases their small frames simply crumple under the demands of the adults who run their lives. Since 1990 two Olympics hopefuls in US gymnastics have died, one from malnourishment, the other from over-reaching her abilities after a terrible build-up of pressure by family and associates. Others have been plunged into depression, and families have been riven by the demands of keeping up with their aspirations.

There are stories of food having to be smuggled in to ravenous gymnasts on tour against the wishes of their coaches, and of young girls pleading with their parents to be allowed to give up the sport. One girl confessed to her mother that she could not bear her day off, Sunday, because it meant that the bullying and psychological agony of the week's routine was about to restart.

> 'Their small frames crumple under the demands'

Fear of putting on weight has led to widespread cases of bulimia, particularly with the onset of puberty when a female body naturally increases in fat. School studies are regularly overlooked so that youngsters can spend nine-hour days in the gymnasium under the eyes of their unyielding tutors.

Bela Karolyi, a coach from Ceausescu's Romania who imported his methods to the US, is involved again this year in the American Olympics squad. He was infuriated by Ryan's book when it was published in America. A highly controversial character, he has an ability to appear at his most genial when a camera is anywhere in the vicinity — as at competitions, when he congratulates his athletes with lavish demonstrations of affection. However, tales from his Texas gymnasium depict an unattractive martinet of a man, one who demands full authority from his athletes' parents. Ryan calls him "the high priest of insensitivity". And yet he achieves the best results.

One of Mr Karolyi's former gymnasts, Kristie Phillips, fell out with her mentor. She now says: "He's in it for himself." While the girls are enduring his strict regime "he cares about the fame and fortune he's getting out of it", she says. The coach himself dismisses many of the criticisms as "ridiculous".

In 1956 the Olympic gold and silver medallists were 35 and 21 years old. In 1968 Czechoslovakia's Vera Caslavska, who won gold, was 26, weighed 121lb and was 5ft 3in tall. "Back then," says Ryan, "gymnastics was truly a women's sport." In 1972, the Munich games belonged to Olga Korbut of the Soviet Union — 17 years old, 4ft 11in and just 85lb. Her shape is now the average for American Olympic female gymnasts.

For one gymnast every four years, the Olympic gold medallist, the numbing physical routines can pay a dividend. Korbut, Comaneci and America's most famous female gymnast, Mary Lou Retton, have grown prosperous. For the rest, more likely, there will be nothing with which to remember their hard years in the gym other than twisted sinews and wrecked childhoods. Betty Okino, a possible Olympian in 1992 until her body started to fall to pieces, can no longer write properly, such was the damage caused by taking painkillers when her arm was injured.

The end of the Olympics will doubtless see a rise in registrations at the local gym as parents encourage their children to imitate the Olympians. Lisa Marie Nelson, a California commentator on family issues, said yesterday: "Parents should think of a girl as a person first and an athlete second. They should be conscious of her feeling of self-worth and make sure it is not linked merely to her athletic performance. Some parents live vicariously through the gymnasts, but motivation has to come from the kid if he or she is to be successful."

Keith McCaffety, who used to run a Houston organisation called the Association for Young Athletes and described himself as the greatest fan female gymnastics had in America, said his discovery of bad practices in the sport means he can no longer watch gymnastics. "I thought at first it was a very pure sport, that the athletes were motivated only by their love of gymnastics," he said. "In fact they are surrounded by adults whose main motivation is money."

USA Gymnastics, the ruling body of the sport in America, has responded to the debate which has raged since Ryan's book. It announced the formation of a "task force" to recommend improved codes of practice among coaches, judges and parents. "With over 50,000 registered female athletes, most of them adolescents, USA Gymnastics recognises its responsibility," it says. The group will, in particular, study eating disorders, menstrual dysfunction and osteoporosis among gymnasts.

It will develop a "mentoring" system where former national team members are paired with current elite gymnasts. Up-and-coming gymnasts will also be shown an advice video featuring testimonies from past stars about the pitfalls of preparing for international competition.

Part of the problem has been the judges. Many are blameless volunteers committed to their sport, but some, unfortunately, can have a distorted view of their own importance. In future, judges who persist in casting "inappropriate" remarks about athletes' beauty or weight will be disciplined.

Joan Ryan says that modern female gymnastics in America "pervert the very femininity they hold so dear". She is not optimistic that her shocking book will change things. Female gymnasts, she writes, "spin on demand without complaint. When one breaks, another pops up from the next box. To close down the lid is to close down that part of our soul that still wants to believe in beautiful princesses and happy endings."

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THE WOMAN MP

GILL ALLEN

Putting on a brave face: Tessa Jowell combines family life with an exhausting working day

I work 18 hours a day, seven days a week, so I need enormous stamina and tremendous organisation if I am to spend any time with my two children, Jessie, 15, and Matthew, 12. In order to carve out some free time, I may work through the night a couple of times a week. I used to do this a lot before I entered Parliament, working from 10pm to 4am every Tuesday and Thursday.

Your body soon adapts to the lack of sleep. If this makes me sound like a bionic woman, that's regrettable: many women who are not MPs do the same. Sometimes it's the only way you can combine a demanding career with a fulfilled family life. As it is, I find it increasingly difficult to have any spare time at all. Hobbies are out of the question.

I am helped enormously by my husband David, who, when I'm at the House in the evening, does the cooking, helps with the homework and generally looks after the children. Most nights I get back from the House at about 11pm or later, when the children have gone to bed. As a result, the mornings are very precious to me. It's a time when I can be with the children.

David and I do spend time together, but not as much as we would like. Although we have lunch together on Saturday, he is used to going out on his own or with friends. He works as a solicitor and is not really a political animal. He has so many other interests. He reads, he goes to concerts, he spends time with my best friend.

People say you need to spend less time with your children as they get older. I think that's ridiculous. If anything, you need to spend more time with them as they enter their teens. You have to strive to keep the structure of family life together, to keep in touch with their lives, find out what they're doing, who their friends are.

When your children are talking to you the temptation is to say: "Look darling, I have two speeches to write." But you can't possibly say that. It is not their fault that their mother is so busy and spends so much time at work. Nevertheless, I think I can say that they don't feel my absence in the way that I feel theirs.

I live and work in London, so I am fortunate that I am able to get home for a couple of hours each day. I try to attend school plays, parents' evenings and see my children on their birthdays. It must be intolerable for those MPs in the North of England and Scotland who repeatedly have to miss important family events. In that sense, my experience is not typical of most MPs, who can go days without seeing their families.

I remember that once a meeting of my select committee clashed with my daughter's birthday tea. The chairman allowed me to miss the meeting so that I could go home for a couple of hours. While that couldn't have happened if I'd lived a long way outside London, it also showed that it is possible to negotiate. People are prepared to listen and help you to make other arrangements.

In many ways, an MP's life is intolerable. It can't be right that we are governed by people who purport to support family life and who are always talking about the demands of balancing home and work, but for whom the possibility of family life doesn't really exist at all.

It is very easy to lose touch with the pace and pattern of normal life. On the rare occasions that I drive home at half past five, I look on with bewilderment at people who are able to do this every day. In fact, I feel like a voyeur observing a way of life that I can never share.

Although I have been an MP for only four years, I've seen enough to know that things must get better. The pressure on MPs demands it. A consensus is forming that Westminster ought to be reformed to meet the needs of the family. It is ridiculous to hold sittings late at night.

When I'm 65 I want to look back on my life and know that my children were never sold short because of the job I did. After the next election, when I could be a minister, I still intend to go to school concerts and get home for birthdays.

You don't have to let your job destroy your domestic life. We have to escape the notion that spending more time with your family is, in some way, a defeat — that those MPs who quit in search of a normal family life are failures.

TESSA JOWELL

● *The author is the Labour MP for Dulwich*

SIMON WALKER

Edward Leigh with three of his five children, (from left) Tamara, Marina and Natalia

Why we live on the A1

FAMILY AFFAIR

When the call came inviting me to write an article on how MPs cope with their families, one of my five children was screaming: "I'm bored, bored, Daddy!" It was midweek. I was at home at 11am, babysitting. I took her swimming.

Am I a part-time drone MP, totally undeserving of our pay rise? True, I was swimming at midday, but I was voting at midnight, after attending a debate in the House and speaking coincidentally on family-friendly employment. It was the third vote of the day, the second debate and, for me, two committee meetings on from the swim.

So the truth is that MPs do work fulltime hours, but at very odd hours indeed. Do we succeed in juggling this extraordinary job with family life? Well, there are two great divides: one is between back-benchers and ministers, the other between those who leave their families in the constituency, and those who lug them back and forth to London. I do the latter in a second-hand Toyota Previa in which our children can wrestle all the way to Lincolnshire.

My wife and I decided when we started 12 years ago that I wouldn't leave her behind on Monday morning, spend the week in London in a bedsit with Labour's smelly socks brigade, and slog back at 1am on Friday. So every Sunday evening when the nation is tucking up cosily to *Songs of Praise*, the Leigh family is picking up the detritus of the weekend in a Lincolnshire cottage and heading back to Westminster. Frankly it's hard pounding, but at least we're in it together.

But all this costs. You can't afford a family house in the constituency and in central London on £34,000 a year and a few allowances that barely pay for the food and petrol.

If you're an MP and want to live all the time with your family you have to take jobs outside. But most MPs can't or won't do this, so on Monday morning it's goodbye for them to the family. Apart from the obvious penalty that they are denied a proper home for much of the week, there are other drawbacks.

One MP who has done a modest little chicken sidestep to avoid fighting a marginal seat told me he just could not afford to lose. His children were at school around the constituency, his wife's friends were there. His only home was there, and above all his only job was there.

There is a real danger that we are creating a fulltime political cadre of MPs who are moderately paid, institutionalised, and cannot take risks with politics.

So unless you're fortunate enough to be an MP for the Cities of London and Westminster, your lot is either emotional destitution during the week or hefty disruption for your children.

When the policeman came to my son's school and said: "Where do you live, sonny?", my son replied: "I live on the A1." I hope he forgives me when he grows up.

To me the greatest compliment that could be paid to any politician, and which a minister once paid to me, is that he puts his family first, his religion second, his political beliefs and country third, and his party a very distant fourth.

EDWARD LEIGH

● *The author is the Conservative MP for Gainsborough and Horncastle*

I can't make plans

THE MP's WIFE

I THINK those constituency wives who live outside London must feel as if they are part of single-parent families. Even if you live in London you will be lucky to see your husband before 11pm. This creates its own stresses and strains. If the husband has a constituency that is a long way from the family home, it is unlikely that he will even see his family at weekends. In such circumstances, the wife really has to make a life on her own, even though she may be working very hard in the constituency on behalf of her husband. It's not hard to see why a lot of politicians' marriages break down.

As a family we were lucky: we lived in London and, although Giles has a northern constituency and spent a lot of weekends in Durham, we were able to see each other during the week. He was always there for the children when they were growing up.

I don't think conditions in the House are getting worse. If anything, they are improving. The last vote on Thursday night is usually at 7pm, not at 10pm as was once the case. This means that most MPs can arrive back at their constituencies at a decent time before surgery on Friday.

One of the main irritations is that you can never plan ahead. You may, for instance, agree to speak at an event in Devon only to receive a three-line whip on the day you are expected to deliver your speech. As a result, you have to cancel at short notice, letting down a lot of people. That can be hard.

LISANNE RADICE

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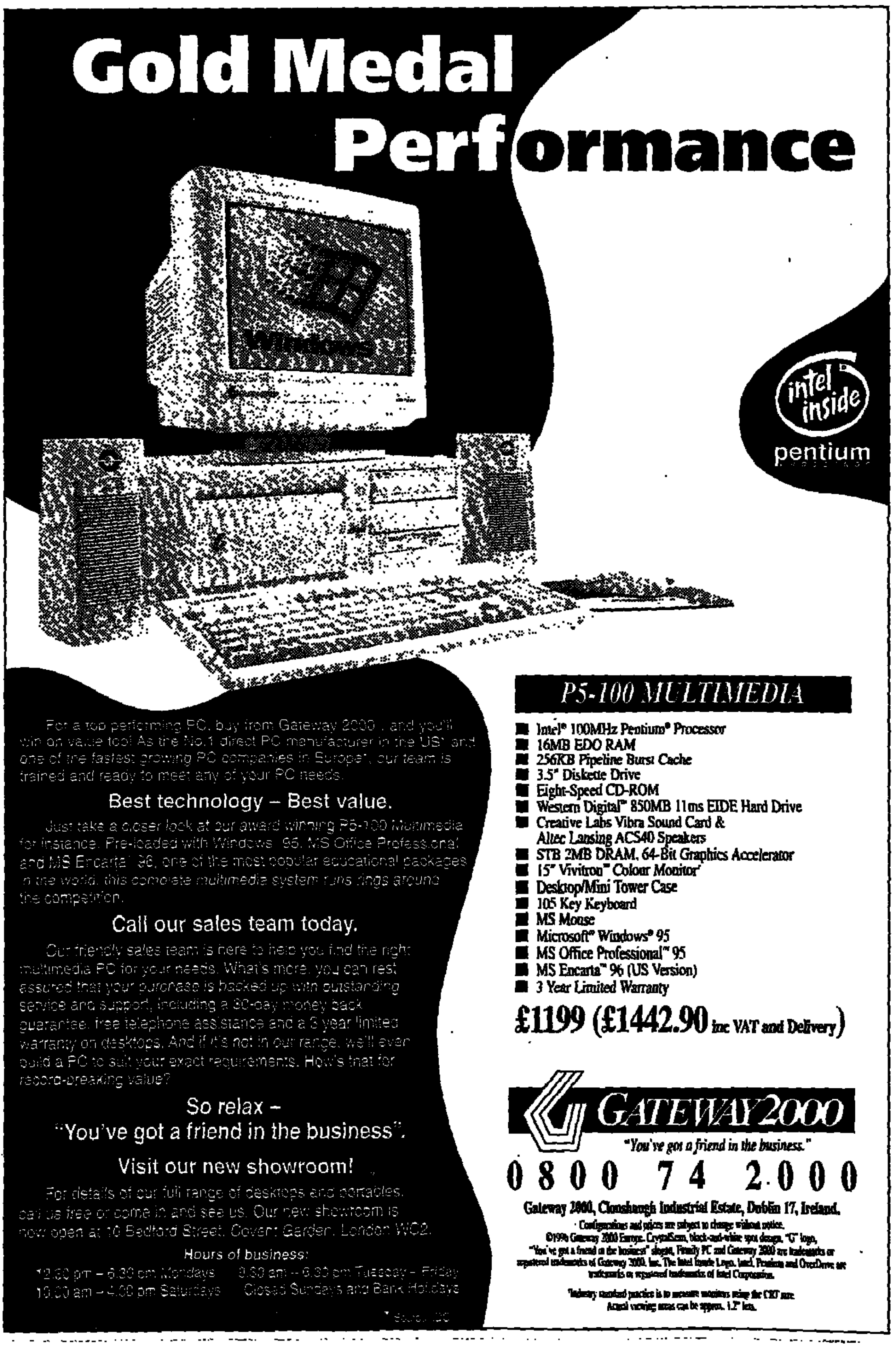

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Goldsmith's Labour militants

Blair must not rule out EMU, writes **Denis MacShane**

The assumption that Sir James Goldsmith is the patron saint principally of the anti-European wing of the Conservative Party now needs revision. In the past few weeks, evidence has begun to surface of his infiltration into Labour thinking too. The left-wing weekly *Tribune* recently ran a glowing interview with the Mexican-based billionaire, in which he was allowed space to promote his view that global free trade is a disaster for the working class.

This was followed by the launch of a coordinated campaign to persuade Labour to oppose economic and monetary union. The anti-EMU Labour grouping includes long-standing opponents to British involvement in what Dennis Skinner always denounces as the "Common Market", as well as MPs such as Roger Berry and John Austin-Walker who consider themselves pro-European but are hostile to monetary union on the ground that it involves too strict a control of public spending.

Unison, the public-sector union and Labour's biggest affiliate, has also swung into the Goldsmith camp. Its activists are trying to convert latent hostility to a single currency into a formal policy commitment from Labour.

The anti-Europeanism that Neil Kinnock and John Smith had apparently slain threatens to revive. Although Blair's speeches in Europe tend more to advocate labour market flexibility than extra powers for Brussels, Labour is not divided over the issue of European membership. There are no anti-European politicians in Labour's ranks of the status of John Redwood, Michael Portillo or Norman Lamont. But Goldsmith's arguments about monetary union touch a chord. In the back of some Labour minds is the hope that devaluation and massive government borrowing will perform a magic trick and allow a painless increase in exports, wages and public expenditure. Moreover, there is uncertainty about the public attitude to the single currency, the European central bank, the euro and whatever else might flow from monetary union.

Politicians nervously wonder which way business will jump. So far, there has been silence from the CBI, the City and other big companies, even if they stand to lose from being left on the margins of a monetary union. The ideological Institute of Directors is hostile to monetary union. By contrast, John Monks, the innovative TUC boss, says that monetary union would be good for private-sector jobs and growth.

But for the most part, the arguments are more and more against British involvement. No top political or business leader looks willing to make the case for British participation in the next wave of European construction and integration, other than on terms of "wait and see".

In 1950, Clement Attlee refused to participate in the Schuman plan to merge Europe's coal and steel industries. The plan was opposed by Labour at the time because it would involve "a surrender of sovereignty". Yet John Major boasts of Britain's status, half in, half out of Europe, as a success. As Baroness Thatcher's favourite diplomat, Sir Robin Renwick, pointed out recently, British hesitancy over Europe has been the major policy failure of post-war governments.

"Wait and see" may well be the best line to take on monetary union, but it presupposes that from 1998 onwards other European countries will welcome London as an equal decision-maker on economic policy if Britain refuses to take part. It also presupposes that outside monetary union the pound will behave sensibly. This is a leap of faith, given previous Labour Governments' disastrous inability either to defend or to devalue the pound in a convincing manner.

Opponents of monetary union from both the Right and the Left are quite happy to see a Labour chancellor being buffeted by sterling and having to worry about the pound's rise and fall. The Goldsmith faction on the Left opposes monetary union because it supports — albeit with a distinctly different motive — Sir James's protectionist crusade against globalisation. The Goldsmith right-wingers are hostile to monetary union because they dislike the social element in the European social market economy, and rightly suspect that the European Union has a political programme, and is not just an alliance of free trading nations.

> Goldsmith's faction on the Left opposes free trade

Between them, these opponents of monetary union are occupying more and more political space. Obviously, it can hardly be in the interests of either Mr Major or Mr Blair to declare now that Britain will definitely not enter monetary union, before the decision needs to be made, between 1998 and 2001.

Saying "never", even for the duration of a Parliament, is unwise politics. To say no now would rob British leaders of any influence in shaping the terms and conditions of the monetary union. Hopes that monetary union will not happen may be high in parts of SW1, but any reading of the press in Bonn, Paris and other European capitals makes clear that to count on its failing would be a mistake.

In Britain, the case for monetary union is largely being lost because those hostile to the European Union are advancing all the arguments and campaigning with a simple slogan of "No to monetary union". Is anyone willing to put the opposite case and, if so, will they please speak up before it is too late?

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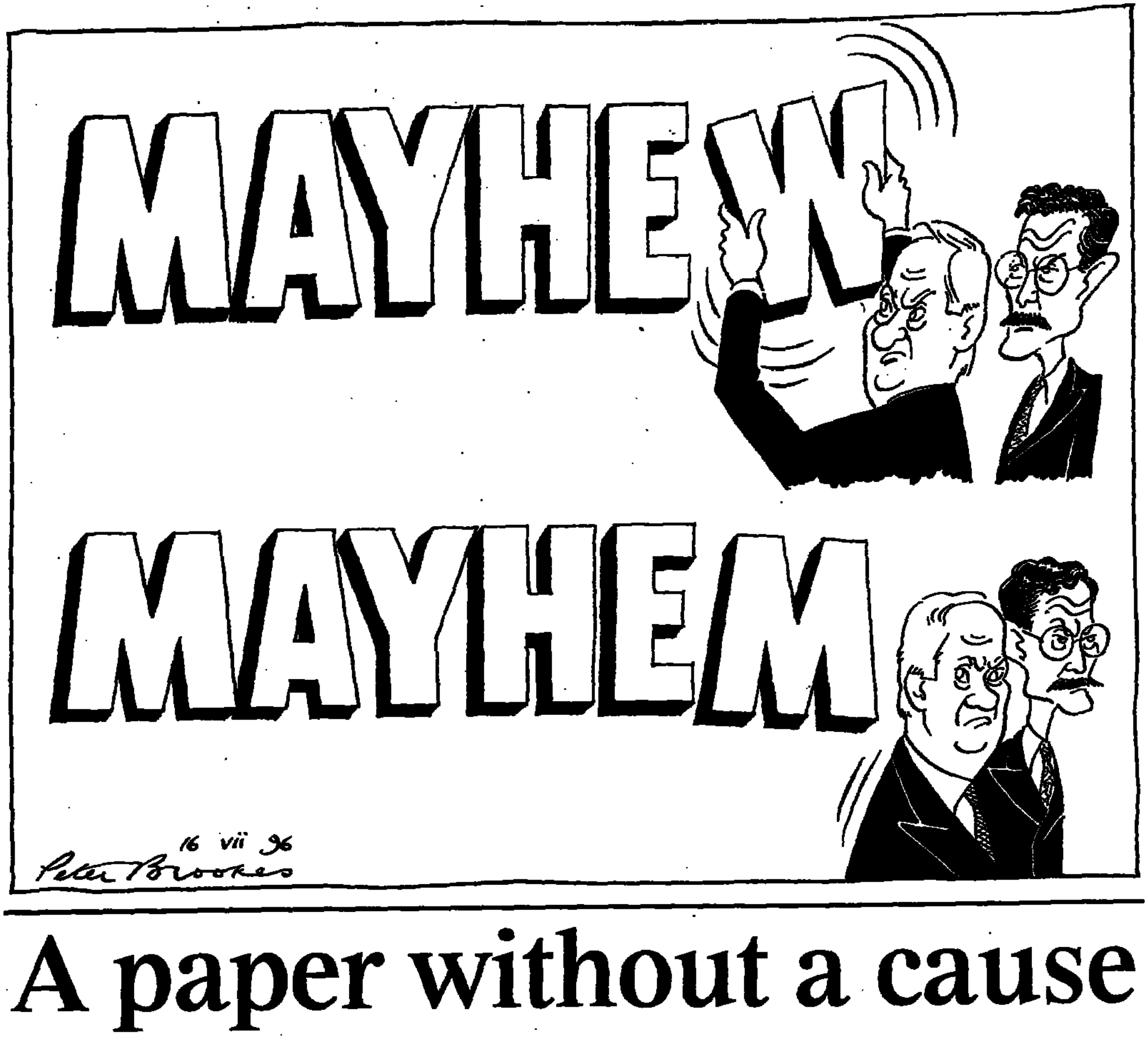

A paper without a cause

The Observer's former Editor carps at the Scott Trust, writes **Anthony Howard**, but what did he expect from amateurs?

"Never work for a liberal newspaper," my old friend Philip Hope-Wallace, *The Guardian's* distinguished opera critic, used to say. "They always sack you at Christmas." I suppose there is a germ of truth in that — and certainly in the past few days Andrew Jaspan, the former Editor of *The Observer*, has tried to plant such a notion in the public mind. In articles in *The Times* and the *New Statesman* — to say nothing of an interview on BBC radio — he has done his level best to convict the Scott Trust (the owners of *The Guardian* and *The Observer*) of having shamefully mistreated him in the way they dismissed him from the editorship of *The Observer* last March.

It has not, to be blunt, been a particularly edifying performance. Behind the defiant words he has written and spoken the distinct tone of a whine and a whinge has been audible. I have never met Jaspan, so I trust I can be acquitted of any self-interested motive (in any event, he took editorial control of *The Observer* a full seven years after I had ceased to have anything to do with it). If I object to the plaintive wail he has emitted, it is because it seems to me to set a very bad precedent.

When William Rees-Mogg took over the editorship of *The Times* in 1967, at the invitation of the new proprietor, Lord Thomson of Fleet, he did not, to my recollection, publicly criticise the Astors, the previous owners; nor, indeed, did he seek to diminish the achievements of his predecessor, Sir William Haley. Nor, to be personal for a moment, did I, when I succeeded Dick Crossman as Editor of the *New Statesman* in 1972, feel the slightest inclination to disparage the legacy left to me by a practising politician who, however much a misfit as an Editor, ranked as one of the greatest left-wing journalists of his day.

There has, however, grown up a new and disagreeable custom, by which editors (whether failures or successes) try to enhance their own achievements by suggesting that what they inherited was an entirely bankrupt journalistic estate. Andrew Neil may have started the practice by delivering some notably graceless remarks about the state in which he found *The Sunday Times* when he became its boy-wonder Editor in 1983. Since then a relentless succession of Editors of the *Sunday Express* has played the same game — each seeming to want to outdo the last in explaining to the world what terrible mistakes were made until he or she arrived on the scene (just in the nick of time). For their readers it cannot have been a confidence-instilling spectacle — and since newspaper editors pride themselves on living on what Lord Beaverbrook once described as "the armed frontier" with politics, they might perhaps reflect that, in this respect at least, politicians usually behave rather better than they do.

Jaspan's, though, is a rather different case, because the real force of his fire is reserved not for those into whose inheritance he entered, but rather for that body of men and women who appointed him. When I worked for *The Guardian* (in those days still *The Manchester Guardian*), I was never grand enough to know much about the Scott Trust. Yet even in the old reporters' room at Cross Street, Manchester, we all felt, I think, reassured to know that our various menial activities (such as reporting on the oldest cart-horse in Lancashire or on a brand of new sunglasses in Southport) were being supervised by a beneficent trust which, thanks to C.P. Scott, saw to it that while fact was sacred, comment at least was free.

Looking back, however, I am no longer convinced that we were right. Even in those long-departed days, the Scott Trust tended to operate rather like the puny and pusillanimous Board of Governors of the BBC. In 1966, the then five members of the trust were, admittedly, summoned to their duty by *The Guardian's* courageous Editor, Alastair Hetherington; but it required all his energy and determination to persuade them not to sacrifice their birthright by entering into a marriage either with Lord Thomson of *The Times* or with Lord Drogheda of the *Financial Times*.

The truth is that if Andrew Jaspan has a point (which, given his own scarcely glorious record in running *The Observer*, I doubt), it must lie in the attack he makes against that body of the great and the good who first gave him his job and then took it away from him. It so happens that I know a number of them, and despite their eminence in their own respective professions, I have never been persuaded that they know a great deal about newspapers. (That applies even to their columnist chairman, Hugo Young, whom I can still see in my mind's eye consulting me when he was a young lad of 25 as to whether he should join *The Sunday Times* or *The Observer*: I advised the latter, he decided in favour of the former — hence, no doubt, many of the present difficulties.)

> 'Never work for a liberal paper,' said my friend. 'They always sack you at Christmas'

None of us, though, should minimise the unenviable burden that *The Guardian* took on when it bought Tiny Rowland's *Observer* in 1993 — plucking it at the eleventh hour from the eager hands of Andreas Whittam Smith of *The Independent*. Jaspan is understandably rude about the "culture of decline" that he found upon his appointment. That is not quite how some of us remember it, especially in the light of what has happened since. But I do not cavil unduly about that: all of us who were involved in *The Observer* after David Astor's day have to acknowledge that we — separately and collectively — bear our own share of responsibility for the tarnishing of what was once the brightest jewel in the British liberal newspaper crown.

What went wrong? The easy answer is Jimmy Porter's in *Look Back in Anger*: there were simply no longer any great causes left to fight for. Astor's *Observer*, like Kingsley Martin's *New Statesman*, was built on a succession of idealistic campaigns: for colonial freedom, against capital punishment, in favour of a sensible, social democratic Labour Party (all of which have now been achieved).

In the 1980s, our task was a good deal less inspiring. What we saw ourselves as doing was holding the line as best we could against the bourgeois triumphalism of Thatcherism. I am not sure we managed it very well. For one thing, our business section entered into the spirit of the age with a zeal hardly surpassed by that of *The Sunday Times* or even of *The Sunday Telegraph*.

Yet what finally did for us was the Lonrho ownership. There was at the beginning something to be said for Tiny Rowland, who was at least an anti-Establishment figure. He ultimately became, however, an intensely manipulative proprietor, obsessed by his own vendetta against the Al Fayeds. Towards the end of the 1980s, particularly after the notorious "Phoney Pharaoh" midweek edition published on the same day as the Lonrho AGM in 1989, the shadows had certainly begun to draw in.

The only doubt I retain is whether having to cope with that sort of maverick owner was really any worse than resting the paper's future in the hands of a bunch of well-meaning — though on the available evidence wholly crass — amateurs, who manifestly never possessed the slightest idea of what *The Observer* was about (witness their two previous bosh shots at appointing an Editor). The one way in which they may now have a last chance to redeem their errors is by not standing idly by while *The Observer*, with its own distinctive character and personality, is gradually and remorselessly swallowed up into the great maw of *The Guardian*.

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Libby Purves is away.

Cardinal sins of religion

Woodrow Wyatt takes the Irish Primate to task

My father, a regular C of E churchgoer, who never missed a Sunday, was apt to be a trifle eccentric. He chose his friend Lord Headley, the President of the British Muslim Society, to be one of my two godfathers. I salute Headley's memory by drinking champagne from the elegant christening cup he gave me. In the Koran which belonged to him I have found nothing to justify the blind zealotry, terrorism and cruelty of modern Islamic fundamentalists. The Koran commands a high morality and extols all the decencies of behaviour approved of by Arnold of Rugby. It echoes many of the precepts of the New Testament.

The intentions of the founders of most religions were good. But the manner in which their ardent adherents have distorted them has been the bane of mankind. The bloody Christian Crusades, accompanied by massacres, rape and pillage, would not have been recognised by Christ as part of His teaching, but denounced as the basest expression of man's greed for power and riches. The centuries of inquisitions, tortures and burnings of heretics blessed by popes and English archbishops resulted from crazed fanaticism. The destruction of the South American Indians and their ancient cultures by the conquistadors was a crime against civilisation, but hailed as a victory for Christ.

Strong religious convictions have ever caused dangerous frictions. In Britain, fortunately, religious convictions have steadily weakened. It can be argued that our Civil War had religious connotations, but not convincingly. Charles I affronted the Scots when, in 1633, he was crowned in Edinburgh by seven bishops with elaborate ceremonial that offended against the simpler Protestant taste. Certainly the Puritans disliked his countenancing the Catholicism of his French wife. But the real issue was whether the King should rule in disregard of Parliament or with its consent. This was decided by the execution of Charles I and accepted by his son, Charles II, the founder of constitutional monarchy. When his Catholic brother, James II, tried to revive royal absolutism, he was removed; and the loss of his throne was confirmed by William of Orange's victory at the Battle of the Boyne 306 years ago.

The Orangemen whose marches through Catholic parts of Belfast still provoke violence are descendants of Protestants from Scotland and Northern England. They were settled there towards the end of the 16th century, and during the 17th, on lands stolen from the Roman Catholic inhabitants. If these new settlers had been Roman Catholic, and not of various categories of Protestantism, there would now be no trouble in Ireland, North or South. Probably the whole of an undivided Ireland would have remained part of the United Kingdom. But religion, with its bigoted sectarianism, has intervened. It has prevented marriage between the descendants of the ancient Irish and the newer arrivals established there for a mere four centuries or so. It is as though the United States of America had remained segregated by its original national, religious and ethnic make-up.

The mainland British have the great gift of being able to assimilate in language, custom and outlook immigrants of all races from everywhere in the world. That gift has failed to cross the Irish Sea. It was religion, not a calm, objective assessment of the situation, which caused Cardinal Daley, the Catholic Primate of all Ireland, to attack Sir Hugh Annesley, the Chief Constable of the RUC, for not halting the Orange marches. The Cardinal conceded that more lives would have been lost if the Chief Constable had done as the Cardinal wished, but thought that this was preferable to annoying the Irish Catholic nationalists. Mr Bruton, the Irish Taoiseach, has joined the Cardinal in condemning us for not giving the nationalists the power to remove the Orangemen's freedom to march as they have for centuries.

It is religion, Protestant and Roman Catholic, which fuels the flames of conflict in Northern Ireland. Religion taken too seriously is always a menace. Marxism was the religion which put the Russian people into the thrall of Lenin and Stalin and their Communist successors. Karl Marx was a fundamentally decent man. If he had realised, as he toiled away in the British Museum, that his idealistic concept of society would be twisted into a regime far more despotic than that of the Tsars, he would have presented his ideas far less dangerously and with less confidence that he alone knew the absolute truth. Religious fanatics know no compromise; they believe they have a divine mission to put the world to rights, by force if necessary. Until Ireland realises that only by compromise can those of strongly differing views live reasonably together, it is our unfortunate duty to enforce the rule of law in Northern Ireland and ensure that the gangster gunmen are eliminated.

The only person presently available with the persistance, experience and toughness to clear the obstacles on the road to peace is John Major. We remove him at our peril.

Safari time

SOUTH AFRICA is rife with speculation about a possible visit by the Princess of Wales. The excitement follows reports in a South African newspaper that she has been invited to meet President Mandela after failing to see him on his recent visit to London.

Both the South African High Commission and the Princess's office say no visit is yet planned, but a press attaché at South Africa House added: "If she does visit South Africa, the President would consider a meeting with her."

Diana is said to have hoped for a private encounter with Mandela when he was here. His timetable was tight, however, and the imminent divorce announcement, as well as the question-mark over her future role, meant that Buckingham Palace couldn't countenance any such meeting.

South Africa House said yesterday that the Princess would very probably have received invitations to South Africa from charitable organisations in the country. She also has an open invitation from her brother, in Cape Town.

● *Curtain twitchers in Holland Park are blabbing about the latest visitors to Aubrey House, a mansion on the market in this select London enclave for a mere £25 million. They claim that members of the Rausing clan, headed by Britain's richest man Hans Rausing (valuation: £3 billion), have been sniffing around.*

Dress up

THE DUKE OF RICHMOND has been forced to take stern measures this summer to ensure standards are upheld at Glorious Goodwood. After an embarrassing encounter last month at his course with a young lady wearing the skimpiest of briefs and a top which was barely noticeable, he has sent out an edict banning members of the Richmond enclosure from wearing "hot pants" or displaying "bared midriffs". Quite.

"Did you see anyone tampering with my wig?"

THE TIMES DIARY

Top brass

MICHAEL JACKSON'S appearance with his band at the Sultan of Brunei's 50th birthday party — for a rumoured $15-$20 million — brings to mind the occasion when the bizarre-looking popstar bumped into my old chum Field Marshall Lord Bramwall while both were staying at the Sultan's hotel, the Dorchester.

Brammers was decked out in full regalia, gleaming with gongs, when he found himself cheek-by-jowl with the pasty singer in the lift. "Oh my!" fluttered Jacko. "I just love your medals. I've a closetful just like them back home." "Goodness," was all that Brammers could muster in reply, before making an unprecedented retreat.

Big band

LOYALIST marching bands wrought a clamorous revenge last week on Lady Hermon, wife of the former RUC chief constable Sir John Hermon. She was spotted by Orangemen removing some of the Union flags bedecking her street in Donaghadee in the run-up to the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne. Her punishment for such tidy-mindedness was to have the pipes and drums of a local band play outside her front door for two hours. Only when Sir John appeared to apologise did the marchers move on.

Off guard

BEAUTY rather than brains is the essence of Tara Palmer-Tompkinson, socialite, clothes-horse and sometime skiing companion of the Prince of Wales. Last week, however, her mental gearbox seemed to have become clogged by one too many goat's-cheese tartines. At a party attended by soldiery, one hair-slickened swell cruised to her. She asked him what he did for a living. "I'm a Life Guard," he purred. "Really?" said the girl of the year. "What beach?"

Jennifer Ehle with Colin Firth, who became her leading man

Sincerely

NEWS to get a man's pulse racing: the comely actress Jennifer Ehle is unattached, and she's steering clear of thespians. After being twice bitten — first by Toby Stephens and then by Colin Firth — she is thrice shy. "It's so hard to have a relationship in this business. I don't want to do it again unless it's unavoidable. It's just not worth it," she tells *Tatler*.

"Being on location and acting in a story opposite somebody is incredibly conducive to falling in love. If you took two people who work in a bank and who might possibly fancy each other if they thought about it, and you make them stand there saying 'I love you' every morning, *really trying to mean it*, eventually they might, you know, start to believe it."

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CONTINENTAL SHIFT

Labour should rule out monetary union in the next Parliament

It is a tribute to the discipline that Tony Blair exercises over Labour that assessing its policy is so hard. Only rarely do battles of importance — such as that over the single currency — break the surface.

Mr Blair is now allegedly contemplating a statement that Labour would not enter the European monetary union (EMU) in the lifetime of the next Parliament. This is contested by those, such as Denis MacShane writing on the opposite page, who favour the new coinage and whose camp includes the influential infighter Peter Mandelson.

It may be assumed that the fight is not finished. But there has certainly been a shift in Labour tone on the matter. Twelve months ago Mr Blair enthused about the whole project: today caution is the watchword. In Bonn recently Mr Blair used language that Chancellor Kohl would like: on the details of EMU the Labour leader shifted emphasis, expressing concern about the implications for jobs and saying that if it back-fired the public reaction would be severe and ugly. That line was echoed in *New Labour, new life for Britain*. This declared that any decision to enter should be made on "a hard-headed look at its economic practicalities", and then subject to a referendum or an election. So far, so ambiguous.

Labour is still in search of a card that would clearly trump John Major. But it must also look towards holding office. The party's central problem is that it is at least as split on EMU as the Government. In power such division would court disaster: all could unite, however, behind the argument that while there was no principled objection to future membership, Conservative mismanagement left the British economy unready to do so now. Another look could be promised in 2002.

Such a pledge makes practical sense for Labour. If Britain wanted to be one of the first set of nations to embrace the euro in 1999, detailed decision-making and enabling legislation would be needed from autumn 1997. The first two years of the Blair tenure would be swamped by the subjects of Scotland's status and the single currency. That could be the best possible recipe for another 18 years of Conservative rule.

Labour should have learnt a lesson from the Prime Minister's misfortunes. It is better to have a policy, almost any policy, than a position based on procrastination that appeals to no one. Certainty trumps indecision. While many in the City might favour a British role at the outset, what they want to know above all else is what to plan for. A definite "not yet" for a Parliament is much better than the "probably not but please call back later" from Mr Major.

On the basis of Mr Major's record in office, and a belief that periodic alternation is healthy in a democracy, many may be inclined to give Mr Blair a chance in power. The strongest argument against that has been the fear that a vote for Labour could lead to an irreversible decision to surrender economic and political sovereignty. If that charge could be parried, then the substantive division between the two parties on Europe would rest with the social chapter, an important measure but one where the Tory opt-out has already been eroded by decisions of the European Court of Justice.

A Labour Party that took the pledge on the euro would both be more likely to get elected and have more parliamentary time in office to pursue a Blair agenda at home. Meanwhile Mr Major would be outflanked. Held hostage by his Chancellor, he could not match the Blair promise nor attack him for a commitment most Conservatives wish their own party would make. The Tories were warned by many, including ourselves thirteen months ago, that if they did not rule out the euro for five years they would leave themselves exposed. To paraphrase the Prime Minister, the words "game, set, and match" would hang perilously in the air.

PIGS AGAIN

Cuban lessons for Clinton, Dole and Europeans too

Throughout Fidel Castro's 37-year dictatorship, Cuba has had a propensity to unsettle US presidential judgment. The Americans have been right about one big thing, that tyranny grown old and poor is still tyranny and that all legal means to weaken it are justifiable. But Washington has not always calculated its policies wisely — Kennedy's embarrassment over the Bay of Pigs was followed by unfortunate revelations of CIA dirty tricks. President Castro has made use of America's most sustained policy, its unilateral trade embargo, to blame Uncle Sam for his own dire economic mismanagement.

The Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (Libertad) Act, sponsored by Senator Jesse Helms and Representative Dan Burton, is America's most ill-considered move yet. This legislation would expose foreign companies to American sanctions for trading with Cuba — including compensation claims in US courts against foreign enterprises alleged to be "trafficking" in Cuban property confiscated by the Castro regime from US citizens. This extraterritorial extension of US jurisdiction has no defence in international law. It recalls the Arab boycott of companies that traded with Israel, a boycott rightly denounced by America down the years. If enforced, it will undermine the multilateral trading rules on which the US depends as much as its allies. It will also harm the confidence of foreign investors and whip up a destructive storm over the Atlantic.

President Clinton, who opposed the Helms-Burton Bill on legal grounds and on the pragmatic test of harm to America's own business interests, was panicked into signing it last March in the aftermath of Cuba's outrageous shooting down of two US-registered aircraft. He was manoeuvred into this by Senator Dole, who saw the electoral advantage of challenging the President to compete for the Cuban-American vote.

Mr Clinton is now horribly trapped. He has until tonight to sign a waiver that would limit the damage by postponing the clause permitting compensation suits. But he would have to certify that drawing the Act's teeth was not only in the US national interest, but would promote democracy in Cuba. If he signs the waiver, he risks losing votes and campaign contributions from Cuban-Americans; he could even lose Florida's 25 votes in the electoral college. If he does not, he faces the chaos and cost of up to 400,000 lawsuits in the US, damage to the confidence of foreign investors whose money supports over four million American jobs and certain trade retaliation.

The electoral arithmetic must tempt him to let Helms-Burton take its course. It would be an error with repercussions that, as more than 120 American and European business leaders have jointly advised him, would long outlast the election campaign. Among the measures invisaged by the European Union and Canada are visas and work permit restrictions on US businessmen, countersuits in their own courts against American companies and a legal challenge at the World Trade Organisation which the US stands to lose. As for President Castro, to be so quarrelled over by Western allies will give him his sweetest propaganda victory yet.

If Mr Clinton, against expectations, signs the waiver, Europeans must deal better with the anger that gave Helms-Burton its appeal. Their lack of support for American efforts to put pressure on the Castro regime has rankled for many years and led directly to the current transatlantic crisis. European "constructive engagement" with Cuba has failed to bring about the political pluralism it was supposed to achieve. America has no business attempting to control companies outside its jurisdiction. But Europeans, who say that their quarrel with America is over means rather than ends, would do well to re-examine their own policies towards Cuba.

PROPORTION IN COURT

This 1926 Act needs pruning with common sense

Every newspaper reporter who has ever sat in a court of law has, sooner or later, heard evidence that will not be transmitted verbatim to readers, viewers or listeners because such detail would be more revolting than revealing. These judgments are generally editorial judgments made by journalists. In the line of professional duty they have to balance the requirements of open justice against the need to avoid unnecessary offence. Although these judgments can and do generate argument, judges have rarely used their discretion to prevent the media striking its own balance.

Yesterday, presiding over the exotic and intricate case of the succession to the late Third Baron Moynihan, Sir Stephen Brown invoked the 1926 Judicial Proceedings Act and restricted the reporting of the case until he delivers his ruling at the end of the hearing in around two weeks' time.

The original purpose of the Act in question, framed in an era of quite different standards, was to prevent public outrage at the publication of indecent material. While failing to fully explain why the antique statute was being used, the judge did, however, acknowledge that the issue was not "a matter of salacious details."

Several laws regulate what can be reported from courts and few of these limits are controversial: the Children and Young Persons Act restricts the identification of minors, individual anonymity is granted in rape cases and the Administration of Justice Act lays down further cautions. The Judicial Proceedings Act of 1926 has been heavily qualified and complicated by other legislation since it was first passed. The law on court reporting has become a tangled thicket and the 1926 Act seems, on yesterday's evidence, to need pruning with the blade of common sense.

The Moynihan case — concerning a louche, much-married lord who ran a string of brothels in the Philippines whence he had fled to avoid prosecution for fraud — has been extensively reported here and elsewhere. Anyone wishing to protect the five and seven-year-old Filipino boys who claim the Moynihan title should also note the facts already in the public domain — and exercise due proportion. The aim cannot be to protect public decency by the use of a 1926 statute after half a century of fluctuating public standards. There is a clear public interest in the right to sit in the House of Lords. It is curious — at best — that the Judicial Proceedings Act should be used to inhibit coverage of this case.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Possible future steps in Ulster

From Mr R. Fell

Sir, Your leader, "A colder eye" (July 15), is both timely and to the point.

Anyone with a modicum of experience of Northern Ireland has always known that if the so-called peace process ended in an Ulster referendum being decisive, the result would be easily predictable. Under provocation, Mr Trimble pressed the fast-forward button and the "referendum" was held, rather messily, last week.

The result showed that the streets of Ulster are the streets of the United Kingdom and not under the control of a foreign power. Hence the discomfort of John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister (report, July 13), and Cardinal Cahal Daly (report, July 12).

That is not to say that the peculiar problems of Northern Ireland do not need urgent attention. But, as your leader points out, these must be tackled in a United Kingdom context. The dangers of false hopes or fears have been well illustrated.

An answer might be a proportionately-elected executive council above the layer of normal local authorities, and it would be this body that would continue the dialogue with Dublin on cross-border co-operation.

Yours faithfully,
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July 15.

From Mr David Howard

Sir, In the light of the Government's "U-turn" on the Orangemen's march, perhaps they should consider a similar U-turn with regard to Sinn Fein.

An invitation to Sinn Fein to attend the all-party talks without any preconditions on condemning violence and intimidation by any group might jolt the peace process back on track.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mrs B. H. Goulding

Sir, Mr Peter Knight (letter, July 11: see also letters, July 13) feels that the "antics of the Orangemen in the last few days" are more alienating to the rest of the UK than the IRA killings of the last twenty years.

A perfect encapsulation of the fatuous nature of much comment on Northern Ireland.

Yours faithfully,
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July 15.

Effects of a buoyant US economy

From Mr Tim Yeo, MP for Suffolk South (Conservative)

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky's analysis of the reasons for the buoyant state of the United States economy ("Clinton, jobs and Keynes", July 9) has implications for this side of the Atlantic.

Although Europe may, as Kaletsky dismissively puts it, be "languishing in its worst depression since 1945" Britain is the shining exception to this generalisation, now enjoying sustainable growth and falling unemployment on a scale which almost rivals the US.

If Kaletsky is right in identifying interest-rate policy as the key ingredient in the recipe for achieving the virtuous outcome of non-inflationary growth, then credit must go to the Chancellor, whose judgments have proved so skilful since Britain left the exchange-rate mechanism.

Since interest-rate charges have an immediate and substantial impact on both household income and business cash flow, perhaps those politicians and pundits at present obsessed with tax cuts could now divert their attention to an even more important issue.

Yours faithfully,
TIM YEO,
House of Commons.
July 9.

From Mrs Cynthia Maccoby

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky's reminder of the importance of demand-management policies for the running of a successful economy is most welcome.

It should also be noted that demand management has a role to play in cutting the public-sector borrowing requirement (PSBR). An increase in public and private investment by stimulating growth in the economy increases tax revenues from incomes and exenditure and reduces welfare benefit payments for unemployment and income support.

Too often simplistic ideas of cutting public investment in order to reduce the PSBR have had the paradoxical result of increasing the PSBR, as we have seen in recent years. Cuts in government expenditure, for example, by reducing growth in the economy, result in increased expenditure on unemployment costs and reductions in tax revenue.

To try to run an economy without demand-management policies, relying solely on supply-side improvements, is like trying to steer a vessel by polishing the brass and scrubbing the decks while avoiding recourse to the rudder.

Yours faithfully,
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English rights over devolution

From Mr Jim Sillars and Lord Elis-Thomas

Sir, In referendums on Scottish and Welsh devolution are the English affected in any meaningful way, and if so have they a right to participate?

That might seem a strange question from two people who have, respectively, devoted a good part of their lives campaigning to divorce Scotland and Wales from England. However, since the referendums are to be on devolution rather than independence, it is a question no democrat anxious to retain harmony among the three peoples can dodge.

Devolution is not an expression of Scottish and Welsh self-determination. It is a profound adjustment of the political and legislative partnership with England in a continuing unitary state, in which Westminster is the only legislature governing England.

That truth is not changed by Labour's promise of English regionalism, as Labour is not suggesting legislative assemblies for the likes of Yorkshire and Lancashire.

It is unjust to the English to have their Westminster representatives vote money for Scotland and Wales without a say or control over how it is spent, and to then have Scottish and Welsh MPs exercise a "right" to determine expenditure and policy in England.

Mr Blair refuses to address this West Lothian question because the answer, as on the tartan tax, is very uncomfortable: you cannot ask the English to debase their democracy and have their government determined by external minorities who have rights and no responsibilities to the electorate affected.

It would demean the democratic reputation of the Scottish and Welsh peoples to deny that the English have the right to vote in any devolution referendums. To steamroller that right may serve the short-term purpose of Mr Blair's unthinking Labour, but it will sow the seeds of bitterness and friction between the three peoples, and that is something we have never wanted.

Yours etc,
JIM SILLARS
(MP, Labour and SLP, for South Ayrshire, 1970-79; SNP for Glasgow, Govan, 1988-92),
ELIS-THOMAS
(President, Plaid Cymru, 1984-91),
c/o 97 Grange Loan, Edinburgh.

Volte-face on a conference centre

From Dr Trevor I. Williams

Sir, It is ironic that the Royal Society should be among the scientific bodies advocating a large international conference centre (ICC) in London (letters, June 21, July 10).

During his presidency, 1945-50, Sir Robert Robinson had imaginative plans for a comprehensive science centre on the South Bank which would accommodate not only the Royal Society but all the other principal scientific societies, the research councils and possibly also the Patent Office and the (then) Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. It would also be able to stage very large international conferences.

The proposal had considerable support from the scientific community in general and from members of the Labour Government — notably Stafford Cripps and Herbert Morrison. A representative committee was set up to consult all interested parties.

Unfortunately Robinson's successor as president, Sir Edgar Adrian, and many of the fellows had no enthusiasm for this communal life. In a memorandum to Morrison, Adrian stated that

> the Society must not be expected to share its lecture hall with other societies except as a favour. In Burlington House the Royal Society has no difficulty in maintaining the independence and almost Olympian dignity and exclusiveness needed for a supreme scientific council.

A Scientific Societies Accommodation Committee (with Robinson as chairman) continued into Adrian's presidency but the scheme eventually foundered, partly through indifference and partly because the Government ran out of funds.

Robinson never favoured the society's move to its present home in Carlton House Terrace. Late in life he wrote:

> Is it too much to hope that even after so much delay there might arise someone with sufficient imagination to grasp the advantages for the City of London and for the British Isles that would accrue from the realisation of our dreams?

Perhaps, half a century on, the millennium will provide the occasion.

Yours faithfully,
T. I. WILLIAMS
(Author, *Robert Robinson, Chemist Extraordinary*, OUP, 1990),
20 Blenheim Drive, Oxford.
July 11.

Lincoln impasse

From the Very Reverend Randolph Wise

Sir, The dispute at Lincoln Cathedral (reports, July 5, 6: letter, July 10) has been well publicised and it has inevitably caused distress to all who have a care for the place and people involved. Yet there are signs of encouragement and hope.

Last Palm Sunday, my wife and I attended the traditional liturgy there; and under the presidency of the Dean and with the collaboration of clergy and choir, the substantial congregation were transported out of this world by the spirit of the worship.

More recently, we went to a weekday Evensong, when Dean and Sub-Dean were partners in a fine offering of worship. When collaboration is possible in this dimension there must surely be hope that co-operation may be extended into other fields.

Yours sincerely,
RANDOLPH WISE,
2 Derwent Drive, Oakham, Rutland.
July 8.

MPs' pay increase

From Professor Emeritus R. A. B. Leaper

Sir, Plans are now in hand to exact further personal charges to meet the cost of long-term care in old age and to extend personal contributions to pension funds as essential supplements to inadequate basic state pensions.

Local social services struggle with inadequate resources to establish priorities where funds cannot meet the needs assessed under "community care" provisions.

Overall, we are consistently urged to hold down all public expenditure strictly to the rate of inflation, including that of wages in the public sector.

That a majority of Members of Parliament should in these circumstances vote themselves an increase of 26 per cent (report, July 11, later editions; letters, July 10, 12) out of moneys paid for by citizens through taxes is not merely morally unjustifiable but politically crass.

The Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition were shrewd enough to realise this, but a majority of MPs failed to subordinate short-term advantage to long-term public interest.

Their action is likely to lead to a dangerous and cynical disregard for parliamentary decisions, a boost to ruthless income leap-frogging and a hardening of industrial strife. We shall all be the losers in the long term and those with incomes a quarter of MPs' salaries will lose most.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT LEAPER,
Birchcote,
New North Road, Exeter, Devon.

From Mr H. R. Monger

Sir, The juxtaposition of recent news items gives rise to an uneasy feeling that the British State exists in a Ruritanian world all of its own.

On the day that it was revealed that one of the principal reasons for a major Korean company to invest in the UK is the fact that "Korean wage costs ... have overtaken those of Britain" (Section 2, July 11) MPs were busy calculating the effect of a £9,000 salary increase on their personal bank balances and their pension prospects, and Mr Nelson Mandela had been receiving (well merited on his part) florid state hospitality with a level of splendour somewhat out of keeping with that of a nation boasting a workforce which it seems is now paid less than that of the people of Korea.

A legislature and a State more humble in their approach would surely be more appropriate to represent us the people.

Yours faithfully,
H. R. MONGER,
48 St Helens Wood Road,
Hastings, East Sussex.
July 12.

From Mrs Carroll Powell

Sir, More Labour MPs than Tory ones voted to give themselves a 26 per cent pay increase. Can we now expect Gordon Brown to propose a windfall tax on MPs' salaries?

Yours faithfully,
CARROLL POWELL,
27 Ingham Road, NW6.

Jersey's two castles

From Professor Emeritus Joyce Youings, FRHistS

Sir, May I add to your report (July 6) of the handing over by HM Queen Elizabeth II of the island's two castles to the people of Jersey?

In 1600 Sir Walter Raleigh, besides naming the new fortress on the islet off St Helier after Queen Elizabeth I, was responsible for saving the castle on Mont Orgueil from demolition. He even installed a small garrison there at his own expense.

As your two illustrations so clearly demonstrate, he had the eye of an artist as well as that of a military engineer, to say nothing of a prophetic concern for the island's future economy: "... it were a pity to cast it down", he wrote, "having cost Her Majesty's father, brother and sister, with her own charge, ten thousand marks the erecting."

But one also suspects that Raleigh had decided that the Governor's quarters at Mont Orgueil were more comfortable and less exposed to the elements than those in the process of construction at Elizabeth Castle. Besides Raleigh was an impatient man who did not like getting his feet wet.

Yours sincerely,
JOYCE YOUINGS,
University of Exeter,
Department of History
and Archaeology,
Queen's Building,
The Queen's Drive, Exeter, Devon.
July 8.

48-hour week

From the Head of the Representation of the European Commission in the United Kingdom

Sir, May I remind readers of your report of July 8, headed "Tories urge battle over 48-hour week", that the United Kingdom does not have an opt-out from the working-time directive (the so-called 48-hour working week). The legislation is not covered by the social chapter.

A reference in the report to the "few" workers exempt from the directive is misleading. Those who work in whole areas of the transport sector (air, rail, sea, road), together with doctors in training, are completely exempt. Managers and family workers are exempt from all provisions except the one on annual leave.

Those employed in hospitals and prisons, docks and airports, the press and electronic media, the emergency services, agriculture, gas, water and electricity production, tourism and postal services only have to comply with the provisions on annual leave and the average maximum hours worked.

The working-time directive, although agreed in 1993 as you state, was put forward by the Commission in September 1990, long before the existence of the social chapter. It was the subject of intense negotiations for more than three years and there were major changes to the proposals to take account of member states' views. In particular, at the request of the UK, employees will be allowed to work for more than 48 hours a week provided that it is voluntary. This directive is concerned solely with protecting those in the workforce who are most vulnerable to exploitation.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY MARTIN,
Head of the Representation of the European Commission in the United Kingdom,
8 Storey's Gate, SW1.
July 9.

From Mr Stephen S. Hughes, MEP for Durham (Socialist Group (Labour))

Sir, The recent preliminary ruling by the advocate general of the European Court of Justice (and the expected ruling of the full court) was on the question referred to the court by the UK Government: are the relevant provisions of the Single European Act an acceptable legal base for a directive on working time? The answer so far is yes.

This question therefore relates to provisions which considerably predate the opt-out, provisions which a Conservative Government subscribed to and which apply unequivocally in the UK.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN HUGHES
(President, Social Affairs and Employment Committee),
European Parliament,
97 Rue Belliard, 1047 Brussels.
July 8.

Rubens attribution

From Mr Arnout Balis

Sir, On June 19 your Arts Correspondent reported that doubts had been cast in certain quarters on the attribution of the National Gallery's *Samson and Delilah* to the hand of Rubens.

Your report also suggested that a recent redating of the Vienna portraits of Archduke Albert and Isabella of The Netherlands had "convinced" me and a colleague that these paintings were the work of "the young Jacob Jordaens, who was greatly influenced by Rubens."

I find your suggestive association between these two cases highly misleading. I do not believe that they have any connection whatever, and I for one have no doubts regarding the authenticity of the *Samson and Delilah*.

Yours sincerely,
A. BALIS,
Nationaal Centrum voor de
Plastische Kunsten van de
16de en de 17de Eeuw (Rubenianum),
Kolveniersstraat 20,
B2000 Antwerp, Belgium.

Low blow?

From Mr Patrick Howarth

Sir, A critic, writing in your Weekend supplement (July 13), states that the author of a book which has now appeared in paperback "excels at depicting squalor and dreariness".

Is this regarded in the book trade as a laudatory review, or not?

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK HOWARTH,
Flat 2, Pencarrow,
The Avenue, Sherborne, Dorset.
July 15.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 15: The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, took the Salute this evening at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court.

His Royal Highness today visited Leicestershire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr Timothy Brooks).

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited Loughborough University of Technology.

His Royal Highness later visited St Matthew's Community Health and Social Care Centre, Malabar Road, Leicester, and opened Prince Philip House.

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited and opened the Leicester Young Men's Christian Association Aylestone Residential Centre, Belvoir Drive, Leicester.

His Royal Highness afterwards visited and opened the Southern Fire Station of Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, Leicester.

The Queen was represented by Lieutenant General Sir Maurice Johnston (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire) at the Memorial Service for the Lord Margadale (formerly Her Majesty' Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire) which was held in Salisbury Cathedral this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Brigadier Clive Robertson.

The Prince of Wales was represented by the Earl of Shelburne.

The Princess Royal was represented by Lady Carew Pole.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was represented by Viscount Folkestone.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Mr Andrew Palmer. Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy was represented by Dame Mona Mitchell.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 15: The Prince of Wales was present this morning at a Parade in Bandar Seri Begawan to mark the birthday of The Sultan of Brunei.

His Royal Highness later attended an Investiture in the presence of His Majesty.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the Kuala Belalong Field Studies Centre and was shown a number of rain forest projects.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a State Banquet in celebration of the Fiftieth Birthday of The Sultan of Brunei.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 15: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester attended a Dinner given by His Excellency the Ambassador of Finland and Mrs Blomqvist at 14 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 15: The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, this afternoon received Major General Anthony Crowfoot on relinquishing Colonelcy of the Regiment and Major General Edwin Beckett on assuming the appointment.

Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, also received Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Wood on relinquishing Command of the 3rd Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel Duncan Barley on assuming the appointment.

Luncheons

Baroness Birk
Baroness Birk presided at the annual luncheon of the ladies committee of the European-Atlantic Group held yesterday at the House of Lords. Baroness Dunn was the principal speaker. Baroness Hooper and Baroness Seear also spoke.

HM Government
Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House to bid farewll to the Ambassador of Guatemala.

Zaiwalla & Co Solicitors
Mr Sarosh Zaiwalla, Senior Partner of Zaiwalla & Co Solicitors, 33 Chancery Lane, London, gave a luncheon on Friday, July 12, 1996, at the Beaufort Room in the Savoy Hotel, Strand, London, in honour of the Hon David Gore-Booth, CMG, HM High Commissioner to India. Among the guests present were:
Baroness Flather, Sir Neil Thorne (Chairman, One Nation Forum), Mr Keith Vaz, MP, Mr Piara Khabra, MP, Mr Ramniklal Solanki, Mr Frank Hunt (Head of India Desk, DTI), Mr Khalid Ansari, Mr Nigel Bell, Mr M N Nandkumar (Executive Director, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan), Mr Ranjit Mathrani, Mr J W Rea, Mr A Narayan, Mr Alastair Dacre Lacy (Chairman, International Committee London Chamber of Commerce), Mr Sajjad Haider, Mr Maneck Patel, Mr Pankaj Vora, Mr Harsh Kumar and Captain D K Tewari.

Mercers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Mercers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr John Drayton Hedges; Upper Warden, Mr David Anthony Tate; House Warden, Mr Richard Kelso Westmacott; Renter Warden, Mr Philip Richard Withers Green.

MIKE WILKINSON

A seven-week-old osprey being tagged at the Loch of the Lowes reserve at Dunkeld, Borders, where three chicks successfully hatched 60ft up an old pine

Marriages

Mr C.E.W. Mackenzie Geidt and Miss E.C.A. Neill
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 6, at St Laurence's Church, Affpuddle, Dorset, of Mr Christopher Mackenzie Geidt, only son of Mrs Mackenzie Geidt, of Clapham, London and the late Mr M.B. Geidt, to Miss Emma Neill, younger daughter of Sir Patrick and Lady Neill, of Briantspuddle, Dorset.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Philomena and Alexander Free and Lucy Alexander. Mr Robert Armstrong was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Professor D. Engel and Dr J. Wilson
The marriage took place on Sunday, July 14, 1996, in Durban, South Africa, of Professor Dennis Engel to Dr Jeya Wilson.

Mr R. Lovell and Miss S.C. Telfer
The marriage took place on July 7, at Broome Park, Canterbury, of Mr Robert Lovell, only son of Mr and Mrs Roland Lovell, of Shepherdswell, Kent, to Miss Samantha Telfer, eldest daughter of Mr John Telfer, of Canterbury, and of Mrs Lynne Telfer, of Tenterden, Kent.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Joanna Telfer and Claire Burt. Mr Stewart Mulliner was best man.

Dr J. Redhead and Miss L. Stephenson
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 13, at St Giles Church, Great Longstone, of Dr Julian Redhead, son of Professor and Mrs Michael Redhead, of Cambridge, to Miss Lucy Stephenson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Stephenson, of Rowland, Derbyshire. The Rev Clive Thrower officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Joanna Martin, Polly and Louisa Wedderburn, and Toby and Roseanna Dunn. Mr Alexander Redhead was best man.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.D. Leatham and Miss G.S. Mounsey
The engagement is announced between Richard David, son of Mr Simon and Lady Victoria Leatham, of Burghley House, Stamford, and Georgina Susan, youngest daughter of Mr Simon Mounsey and the late Mrs Mounsey, of Barnes House, Piltdown, East Sussex.

Mr A. Orr and Miss G. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Andrew Orr and Gillian Wilson, both of Belfast. The marriage will take place in April 1997.

Mr D.G. Pickup and Miss E.F. Jacob
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Neil Pickup, of Mönchengladbach, Germany, and Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs Joe Jacob, of London.

Mr J-P. Renaud and Miss R.V. Gregory
The engagement is announced between Jean-Pierre, elder son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Renaud, of Haslemere, Surrey, and Rachel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Gregory, of Malvern, Worcestershire.

Mr R. Strand and Miss C.M. Hesp
The engagement is announced between Catherine Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Hesp, of Sale, Cheshire, and Ross, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Strand, of Stotfold, Hertfordshire.

Receptions

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were the hosts at a reception held last night at 10 Downing Street.

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress gave a reception last night at Westminster Council House in honour of the Captain and Crew of *HMS Westminster*.

Birthdays today

The Earl of Albemarle, 31; The Ven George Austin, Archdeacon of York, 65; Mr Alan Campbell-Johnson, writer, 83; Mrs Margaret Court, tennis player, 54; Mr Alan Donnelly, MEP, 39; Mr Frank Field, MP, 54; Professor Sir Hugh Ford, mechanical engineer, 83; Sir John Freeland, QC, former legal adviser, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 69; Sir Charles Graham, former Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria, 77; Mr W.B. Howard, former deputy chairman, Marks & Spencer, 70; Miss Shirley Hughes, author and illustrator, 69; Baroness Llewelyn-Davies of Hastoe, 81; the Ven Dr Harold Lockley, former Archdeacon of Loughborough, 80; Mr Thomas Megahy, MEP, 67; Mr Edward Miller, former Master, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 81; Lord Prentice, 73; Professor Sir Philip Randle, biochemist, 70; General Bernard Rogers, former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, 75; Mr T.G. Rosenthal, publisher, 61; Mr J.J. Warr, former president, MCC, 69; Miss Diana Warwick, chief executive, Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, 51; Lord Westbury, 74; Dr T.I. Williams, scientific consultant, 75; Sir George Young, Secretary of State for Transport, 55; Mr Pinchas Zukerman, violinist, 48.

Brewers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Brewers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr M R M Foster; Upper Warden, Mr S H Wingfield Digby; Middle Warden, Mr C J R Pope; Renter Warden, Mr R H B Neame.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at Buckingham Palace at 4 to mark the centenary of the Royal Victorian Order. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will also attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of King George's Fund for Sailors, will attend the Ascot charity race day auction dinner at the Royal Garden Hotel at 8.15.

The Duke of York, as patron, will take the salute at the evening performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court at 7.15.

Princess Margaret, as Honorary President of the British Museum Development Trust, will attend the annual dinner at the museum at 7.30 for patrons and other friends.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend the Cambridge Graduates' Club of St Bartholomew's Hospital and the Royal London Hospital's dinner at the Mansion House, at 7.20.

University news

Cambridge
HUGHES HALL
Elected into a research fellowship from October 1, 1996:
Wolfgang Eholzer, Elizabeta Mukaetova-Ladinska, Robert Neil Pike, Ziyou Li.

Elected into junior research fellowships from October 1, 1996:
Stephen Richard Denton, David Lee Feltham, Shaun Peter Lucey (Basil Herbertson Junior Research Fellowship), David Peter Osborn, Susannah Walpol.

Memorial service

Lord Margadale
The Queen was represented by Lieutenant-General Sir Maurice Johnston, Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire, and the Duke of Edinburgh by Brigadier Clive Robertson at a memorial service for Lord Margadale held yesterday in Salisbury Cathedral.

The Prince of Wales was represented by the Earl of Shelburne, the Princess Royal by Lady Carew-Pole, Princess Margaret by Viscount Folkestone, the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Mr A. Palmer, Princess Michael of Kent by Sir Christopher Thompson, and Princess Alexandra by Dame Mona Mitchell.

The Very Rev the Hon Hugh Dickinson, Dean of Salisbury, officiated, the Very Rev Robert Willis, Dean of Hereford, led the bidding and the Rev Jonathan Meyrick, Rector of Tisbury, led the intercessions. The Hon Alastair Morrison, the Hon Hugh Morrison and Mr David Morrison, grandsons, read the lessons. Lord Kimball gave an address. The High Sheriff of Wiltshire, the Chairman of Wiltshire County Council and Mr W. Wood and the Chief Executive of Wiltshire Council attended. The Mayor and Mayoress of Salisbury were represented by Councillor and Mrs Chubb. Among others present were:

Lord and Lady Margadale and the Hon Sir Charles and Lady Morrison (sons and daughters-in-law), the Hon Mary Morrison (daughter), Viscount and Viscountess Trenchard, Mr and Mrs David Loyd, Lady Sophia Morrison, the Hon Mrs Hugh Morrison and Mrs David Morrison (grandchildren), the Hon Alexander Trenchard, the Hon Katie Trenchard, the Hon William Trenchard, the Hon Laura Trenchard, Tara Morrison, Geordie Morrison and Jamie Loyd (great grandchildren), Mr and Mrs David Yorke, Mrs Nicholas Acland, Mr and Mrs Peter Sanguinetti, Edward Sanguinetti, Charlotte Sanguinetti, Viscount and Viscountess Hambleden, Mr and the Hon Mrs Michael Brand, Mr and the Hon Mrs Peter Townend, the Hon Philip and Mrs Smith, Mr and Mrs Julian Smith, Miss Alexandra Smith.

The Duchess of Devonshire, Diana Duchess of Newcastle, Jane Duchess of Somerset, the Duke of Somerset, the Earl of Clanwilliam, the Earl of Airlie, KT, the Earl of Home, the Earl and Countess of Pembroke, the Dowager Countess of Radnor, the Earl and Countess of Radnor, the Countess of Shelburne, the Earl of Stockton, Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard, Philippa Viscountess Astor, Viscount and Viscountess Head, Viscount Leverhulme, KG, Viscount and Viscountess Ullswater.

Lord and Lady Congleton, Lady Faringdon, Lord Grimston of Westbury, Lady Herschell, the Dowager Lady Hindlip, Lord and Lady Hindlip, the Dowager Lady Mancroft, Lord Talbot of Malahide, Baroness Trumpington (representing the Chief Whip, House of Lords), Dreda Lady Tryon, Lord Tryon, Mrs A Goodlad (representing the Chief Whip, House of Commons).

Mr Michael Jopling, MP, Sir John and Lady Nott, Lady Anne Cowdray, Lady Jane Onslow, Lady Doreen Prior-Palmer, the Hon Richard Arundell, the Hon Mrs Hugh Astor, Captain the Hon Sir Nicholas and Lady Beaumont, the Hon Mrs Hugh Dickinson, the Hon Edward Lowther, the Hon Mrs Macdonald, the Hon Diana Makgill, the Hon Mrs Meynell, the Hon Mrs Richard Palmer, the Hon Lady Smith-Ryland.

Lady Barnett, Sir Richard Carew-Pole, Major-General Sir Simon Cooper (The Royal Yeomanry) and Lady Cooper, Sir Dudley Forwood, Sir John Wills, Sir Piers and Lady Bengough, Sir William Benyon, Lady Brassey, Sir Robin and Lady Carnegie, Sir Arthur and Lady Collins, Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs, Sir Sydney and Lady Giffard, Sir John and Lady Gingell, Sir Michael and Lady Hamilton, Sir Stephen Hastings, Lady Holland-Martin, Lady (Maurice) Johnston, Lady Legge-Bourke, Sir John Miller (Peterborough Royal Foxhound Show Society).

Lady Mott-Radclyffe, Sir Humphrey and Lady Prideaux, Major-General Sir Desmond and Lady Rice, Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Ross (SSAFA), Sir Donald Stringer, Sir William van Straubenzee, General Sir John Waters (Royal Wessex Yeomanry), Major and the Hon Mrs John Bartholomew, Prince and Princess Nicholas von Preussen.

Miss Louise Adams, Mr and Mrs R Adams, Mr M Allsopp, Mr and Mrs N Anderson, Mrs C Antrobus, Brigadier and Mrs R Baddeley, Mrs G Balding, Mr Henry Beaumont, Mrs P Beckwith-Smith, Brigadier G L Body, Mr and Mrs D Boyd, Mr Roger Bramble, Major-General and Mrs J Brockbank, Major-General P Cavendish, the Chief Constable of Wiltshire, Mr J Cordle, Mr and Mrs J Cory, Mr Michael Cory-Wright, Mr Richard de Pelet, Mr and Mrs K Dibben, Mr and Mrs P Douglas-Pennant, Judge Dyer, Mr and Mrs R A Farquharson, Mlle Françoise Gevers, Councillor and Mrs M Fowler, Rear-Admiral E F Gueritz, Mr J Gibbs, Mr and Mrs J Gold, Mr W Goodlad, Dr C Goodson-Wickes, MP, and Mrs Goodson-Wickes, Colonel I Gore-Langton, Mrs S Gourlay, Colonel and Mrs M Havergal, Colonel and Mrs R Heywood-Lonsdale, Mr Simon Holmes, Major-General and Mrs J C Hopkinson, Professor and Mrs W R Keatinge, Mr Robert Key, MP, and Mrs Key.

Brigadier B Kingzett, Miss V Legge-Bourke, Mr W Lockyer, Mr Roddy Loder-Symonds, Mr O Lodge, Lieutenant-Colonel M A Lowry, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs E H Macey, Captain and Mrs John Macdonald-Buchanan, Colonel P D Mangnall, Captain and Mrs D Mann, Mrs R McConnell, Mrs E McIntosh, Mrs D Martin, Mr Michael Meredith, Mr and Mrs Keith Millar, Mrs S Myddelton.

Professor B Nevill, Colonel and Mrs D Parr, Major David Rasch, Mr D Russell, Mr J Ryman, Mr and Mrs P Satchell, Mr Bruno Schroder, Mr and Mrs A P Scott, Mrs Adrian Scrope, the Rev Gerald and Mrs Solomon, Mr Richard Southwell, QC, Mr and Mrs Derek Starkie, Mrs M Stembridge, Mr and Mrs R Stratton, Major-General and Mrs J M Strawson, Mr and Mrs Tristram Sykes, Major T J Thomas, Colonel and Mrs D G Turner, Major and Mrs J Turner, Dr I Twinn, MP, Mr Charles Tyrrell, Mr and Mrs J Underwood, Mr Ronnie Wallace (Master of Foxhounds Association) and Mrs Wallace, Mr and Mrs I Wallace, Mr Michael Watt, Mr and Mrs James Weatherby, Mrs F Willan, Mr Michael Wilson, Major T P Wootton.

Colonel J Peel (Honorary Colonel, Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry also representing the Colonel Commandant of the Yeomanry), representatives of the Commanding Officers of the Royal Yeomanry and The Royal Wessex Yeomanry and many past and present members of the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry Squadrons.

Colonel D Robins (representing the Colonel, the Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment) and Mrs Robins with Major J J Thompson, past and present members of staff from the Fonthill and Islay Estates, representatives of the Wiltshire Red Cross, Salisbury Racecourse, Salisbury Conservative Association, the Hunters Improvement Society, the British Field Sports Society, the RNLI, the South and West Wiltshire Hunt, the Royal Bath and West Show Society, Wiltshire St John Ambulance, the Magistrates' Association, the Magistrates Courts Committee of Wiltshire, the Nadder Valley Football League, Dinton Cricket Club, Salisbury Amateur Operatic Society, the South Wiltshire Girl Guides, Tisbury Parish Council, Chilmark Parish Council, Macfarlanes, Kidsons Impey, Tisbury British Legion, Tisbury British Legion Women's section, CPRE and many other friends.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Joshua Reynolds, first President of Royal Academy 1768-92, Plympton, Devon, 1723; Jean Baptiste Corot, painter, Paris, 1796; Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Church of Christ Scientist, Bow, New Hampshire, 1821; Otto Jespersen, authority on English grammar, Randers, Denmark, 1860; the Rev James Owen Hannay (George Birmingham), novelist, Belfast, 1865; Roald Amundsen, polar explorer, Oslo, 1872; Trygve Lie, first Secretary-General of UN 1946-52, Oslo, 1896.

DEATHS: Anne of Cleves, 4th wife of King Henry VIII, London, 1557; Elijah Fenton, poet, East Hampstead, Berkshire, 1730; Thomas Yalden, poet, London, 1736; Josiah Spode, potter, Penkhull, Staffordshire, 1827; Edmond de Goncourt, writer, Champrosay, France, 1896; Hilaire Belloc, writer, Guildford, 1953; Herbert von Karajan, conductor, near Salzburg, 1989.

Reinforced concrete was patented by Joseph Monier in Paris, 1867.

Nicholas II, Tsar of Russia, and his family were murdered by the Bolsheviks at Ekaterinburg, 1918.

The first atomic bomb was exploded at Los Alamos, 1945.

Mr C.S. Gulbenkian

To mark the 41st Anniversary of the death of Mr Calouste Sarkis Gulbenkian, a memorial service will be held at The Armenian Church of St Sarkis, Iverna Gardens, London W8, on Sunday, July 21, at noon, after the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, which will commence at 11.00am.

13 books on archaeology shortlist

A BAKER'S dozen of books will compete for the Archaeological Book of the Year Award this summer (Norman Hammond writes). Shortlisted from nearly 70 nominations sent in by publishers, reviewers and readers, the 13 titles span Britain's past from the Iron Age to Victorian times.

Archaeology's equivalent of the Booker Prize is designed "to recognise the most outstanding British books on British archaeology" and is sponsored by the Ancient and Medieval History Book Club.

The shortlist comprises: *Iron Age Britain* by Barry Cunliffe (Batsford), *Celtic Goddesses* (Miranda Green/British Museum *Carausius* (John Casey/Batsford), *Roman Britain* (Martin Millett/Batsford), *The Jewellery of Roman Britain* (Catherine Johns/UCL Press), *Anglo-Saxon Oxfordshire* (John Blair/Sutton Publishing), *The Archaeology of Shakespeare* (Jean Wilson/Sutton), *The Great Rebuildings of Tudor and Stuart England* (Colin Platt/UCL), *Life and Death at Spitalfields* (Margaret Cox/Council for British Archaeology, *Picts, Gaels and Scots* by Sally Foster (Batsford), *Fortress Scotland and the Jacobites* by Chris Tabraham and Doreen Grove (Batsford), *Historical Britain* by Eric Wood (Harvill Press), and *A Slice Through Time* by Mike Baillie (Batsford).

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AL-HANFOOSH - Hanah born at The Portland Hospital on 11th July 1996. A daughter for Ibrahim and Margie and a welcomed sister for our Yasmeen.

ALKER - To Paul and Marcia (née Wilson), a son, Thomas John, on 11th July, St Saviour, Jersey, C.I.

ALLEN - On 14th July, to Nicola (née Duerden) and Richard, a son, Hamish Richard Hayhurst.

ARUNDEL - On 14th July, to Georgie and Eddie, a son, Phillip, a brother for Henry Rachel, Thomas and Isabelle.

BALL - On July 15th, to Anita (née Rixon) and Jason, a daughter.

CURTIS-GREEN - On 11th July, to Michael and Amanda (née Pelham Burn), a son, Sam William.

GOWER - On July 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Gayle and Christopher, Robert William John, a brother for Catherine.

GREEN - See Curtis-Green.

JUCKES - On July 12th at The Royal Free Hospital, London, to Cheryl and Kit, a daughter, Felicity Josephine.

LEONARD - On July 8th, to Elizabeth (née Miles) and Paul, a son, Guy Augustine, a brother for Francis.

MOTION - On July 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Celestine (née Atkins) and Andrew, a daughter, Davina Rose.

MURPHY - On 14th July 1996 at St Michael's Hospital, Bristol, to Jane (née Oyler) and Peter, a son, Samuel Jack, a brother for Benjamin.

NOTT - On 11th July 1996, to Sarah (née Roan) and Andrew, a son, Henry Thomas James, a brother for Elizabeth and William.

OLIVER - On July 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Suzanne and David Oliver, a beautiful son, Sam.

PATTERSON - On 8th July, to Candia (née Willis Fleming) and Stuart, a son, Robert Malcolm, a brother for Gabriella and Louise.

PRENN - On 11th July 1996, to Jane (née Thomlinson) and John, a son, Henry Daniel John, a brother for Tamara.

SHAW - On July 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Lindsey (née Farrant) and Joe, a beautiful baby daughter (6lbs 11oz).

BIRTHS

SKINNER - On 11th July, to Annabel (née Evans) and David, a daughter, Alice Juliet Perry.

THORNTON - On July 11th, to Henry and Nicki (née Hughes), a daughter, Alice Henrietta Chicheley, a sister for Laura, Phoebe and Olivia.

WATSON - On July 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Mark and Kim, a daughter, Katy Louise, a sister for Sam and Emily.

MARRIAGES

HOWELL-JONES:JENSE - On Friday 12th July at St Devenick's in Peterculter, Aberdeenshire, Jonathan Paul Howell-Jones to Ingrid Tanya Jense.

DEATHS

ADAMS - H M Ambassador to Thailand, Charles Christian Wilfrid Adams C.M.G. died suddenly in Herefordshire on 10th July 1996. Deeply loved by his wife Pauline and his children Rupert, Sarah, Tom and Nigel. Funeral at Newton Church, Newton St Margarets, Herefordshire on Wednesday, July 17th at 2pm to be followed by memorial services in London and Thailand. Family flowers or donations for Newton Church c/o S.A. Evans, Funeral Directors, 23/24 Gaol Street, Hereford, HR1 2HU. (01432) 273736.

BARDELL - On 11th July, Rita, wife of Cuthbert, formerly of Forest School. Short Service for family and friends: 2.30 Wednesday July 24th, in Southwold Parish Churchyard. No flowers please but donations may be sent to NSPCC (Reg. Charity) c/o Norton Peskett Solicitors, 66A, Bells Road, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk NR31 6AF.

BIRAUT - Nicola (née Widdowson), wife of Jean-Pierre, 8th July in Paris aged 36 after a short illness. Beloved eldest daughter of Felicity and the late John.

BLACK - Clifford, ex Vibro Medico, died 12th July. Funeral Southend Crematorium Thursday 18th July 2 pm. Enquiries (01621) 740675.

DEATHS

BOON - On July 12th at his home, John aged 79 years, Publisher. Dearly beloved husband of Felicity, devoted father of Chris, Nick, Charles and Humphrey. Funeral Service on Monday 22nd July at St John's Church, Hyde Park Crescent, London W2 at 10.45 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Alzheimer's Disease Society (for Felicity) c/o J.H. Kenyon, 83 Westbourne Grove, W2 4UL.

BOURNE - On 13th July 1996 in hospital after a long illness, Roland, in his 91st year, beloved husband and best friend of Nancy for 62 years, much loved father of Graham, Pam and Richard and loving grandpa (Grampo) to his 10 grandchildren. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity, Westcott, on Tuesday 23rd July at 3 pm, after a private cremation. No flowers please but donations, if desired, for The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, RH4 2ES.

BYRON - Margaret, very dearly loved wife of Christopher and mother of Caroline and Annabel, died suddenly on 13th July 1996. Funeral Service on Monday 22nd July at St Simon's Church, Putney at 10am followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium at 11.15am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to St. Christopher's Hospice, c/o E. Larner & Son, 246 Upper Richmond Road, Putney SW15 6TG Enquiries (0181) 788 2942.

COOPER - On 11th July, peacefully in Santiago, Chile, aged 85 years, Gerald Cooper O.B.E., beloved husband of 'Lolo' (deceased) and dearest father of Sheila, Maureen, Derek and Brendan. Funeral was held in Santiago on Saturday 13th July.

DOBSON - Kathleen Irene (née Whetton formerly Edwards) On Sunday 14th July 1996 at Jersey General Hospital, after a short illness bravely borne, widow of the late Geoffrey, mother of Peter, mother-in-law of Meriel and grandmother of Charles, Giles and the late Guy. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Jersey Hospice, c/o Mr Ian Richardson, Hon Treasurer, Reads & Co., PO Box 641, No 1 Seaton Place, St Helier, Jersey. All enquiries to Inch & Sullivan, Funeral Directors, Jersey. Tel: 01534 619922.

DEATHS

DIXEY - Mary Margaret Baring J.P. on July 12th. Adored wife of Paul for 56 years. Much loved and loving sister, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral private. Donations in her memory to Mid Essex Diabetic Appeal c/o Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 7ET.

FORTUNE - Helen Hind, peacefully at Carmel, California, on July 13th 1996. Widow of George C. Fortune, mother of Jane Hickerson, 3233 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco 94118.

GILLEN - Susan Letitia (née Tennant) died on 10th July in Nottingham. Much beloved widow of John and treasured and devoted mother of Robert, William and John. Funeral and residence strictly private, please. Ever loved and remembered.

HAMLETT - Dorothy Mary, Sqdn Officer R.A.F. (Ret'd). Passed away after short illness on 11th July 1996. Was much loved and will be sadly missed by the rest of the family. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Thursday 18th July at 1.45pm. Donations to R.A.F.A. Enquiries to Haine & Son Ltd., tel: 01323 727801.

HARRIS - Paul Andrew, on Saturday 13th July 1996 at Southmead Hospital, Bristol. No funeral but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

HOTHAM - At Coldstream, on July 9th 1996, Marianne, beloved wife of David Hotham.

KITCHING - On July 15th, peacefully at home 2 weeks before his 96th birthday, John, M.B.E. Dearly loved husband of Joyce, loving father of John (Demi) and Gill, wise and thoughtful grandfather to Nicola, John, Amanda, Dodo, Charlotte and Helene. Funeral Service 12 noon, Thursday July 18th at the Church of St Peter and St John the Baptist, Wivelsfield, near Haywards Heath. Enquiries to Masters and Son, tel: (01444) 482107. 'He enriched so many lives and he lives on in our hearts'.

LEITCH - Tragically while on holiday in Cyprus on July 12th 1996, Dr. A. Gordon Leitch, BSc, MBChB, PhD, FRCPE, FCCP, beloved husband of Jean and much loved father of Andrew, Lizzie and Harry. Funeral arrangements to follow.

DEATHS

MARKS - John on July 13th peacefully at home, beloved husband of Susan, much loved father and father-in-law of Caroline and Rob and Joanna and Andrew, dear papa of Oliver, Lizzie, Rosie, Benedict, Imogen and Nicholas. Funeral at All Saints Church, East Meon, Tuesday July 23rd 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Alzheimer's Disease Society (Research) c/o Funeral Services Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield, Hants. (01730) 262711.

NICHOLAS PHILLIPS

On 13th July peacefully after a long illness.
Husband of Alicia, father of Harvey and Julian.
Funeral Service Thursday 18th July at The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul Buckingham, at 2 pm.
No flowers please, but donations to Cancer Research would be appreciated.

OVERTON - Tony Overton M.P.S. On 12th July 1996, aged 75 years of Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, Funeral Service St Peter's Church, Woodhall Spa, on Friday 19th July at 1.30 pm. Donations if desired for The Lincolnshire Air Ambulance Appeal and Doctor Nymans M.R.I. Scanner Appeal may be sent c/o Co-operative Funeral Service, 2, Market Place, Horncastle, LN9 5HD.

ROGERS - Keith Anthony Lucas (Kenny), dearly beloved son of Michael and Jennifer and brother of Helen and Ian, died 10th July 1996 aged 34. Funeral at St James the Great, Abson, on Friday 19th July at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Abson Church Restoration Fund c/o R.J. Preddy Funeral Directors, 2 Cossham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol BS17 3EN.

SALVESEN - Peter Ross Bernal, beloved husband of Valerie Frances, in Crieff Hospital on 13th July 1996 and in King's College Hospital on 24th June 1996 their only son Christian Edward Bernal, beloved husband of Helena Détraire. Donations if desired to the Liver Failure Unit, King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5.

DEATHS

STUCLEY - On July 12th at Hartland, Sheila Margaret Warwick, wife of the late Sir Dennis Stucley Bart, only daughter of 4th Baron Poltimore. Funeral at Stoke St Nectan's, Hartland, at 11.15 am on Friday 19th July. Flowers to the church or donations to St Nectan's Church Restoration Fund or Marie Curie Cancer Care.

TURNER - Kenneth Beale died peacefully at Barnston on 11th July aged 96 years. Funeral and Thanksgiving Service at Barnston Parish Church, Dunmow, on Monday 22nd July at 12 noon.

TYNDALL - Peacefully at his home in Bruton, Somerset, John Mannering Tyndall, much loved husband, father, grandfather and friend. Funeral Service to take place at St Mary's Church, Bruton, on Friday July 19th at 4.30pm. No flowers by request. Donations for The National Trust may be sent to Oswald Clarke Funeral Directors, West End, Bruton, BA10 0BB, tel: (01749) 813327.

VERNON - On July 13th 1996 peacefully at The Pines Nursing Home, Putney, aged 96 years, Sybil Mary, wife of the late Aubrey Vernon, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service to take place on Monday 22nd July at Golders Green Crematorium at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The National Schizophrenic Society, Castle Street, Kingston-upon-Thames, KT1 1SS. All enquiries to Andrew Holmes & Son, (0181) 572-3277.

WARDE-ALDAM - Virginia (née Sutcliffe), peacefully at home on July 12th, loved and loving mother of Kate, Tom and Jamie. Funeral at Healey Church, Saturday July 20th at 12 noon.

WASSELL - Jack, Doctor, of Gnosall and Newport, Shropshire, on 14th July. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife Norah and all his family and friends. At his request cremation will be private. Donations if desired to Shropshire and Mid Wales Hospice to William Emery & Sons, The Laurels, 13 County Road, Stafford, tel: (01785) 251206.

WATERSTON - A Rodger OBE, BSc, FRSE, Keeper Emeritus, Nat History, Royal Scottish Museum, at home on 12th July 1996. Beloved husband of Marie, father of Susan, grandfather of Rachel. Funeral Private.

IN MEMORIAM—PRIVATE

Rakan Nasser

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds, - and done a hundred things
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High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air...
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

John Magee

NASH - Fay, July 16th 1993. Much loved and so sadly missed, Mervyn.

RAFTERY - Dr E.B. In loving memory of Jim who died 16th July 1995. My thoughts are with you always - Poll.

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OBITUARIES

JOHN BOON

John Boon, CBE, publisher, died on July 12 aged 79. He was born on December 21, 1916.

John Boon, left, with his brother Alan in 1982

A MILLS & BOON romance is a phrase that has become increasingly familiar since the beginning of the 1970s. Even those who use it sneeringly would find it hard to deny that this family publishing house, in whose fortunes John Boon played so significant a part, has achieved an amazing success.

Mills & Boon, set up in 1908 by two ex-Methuen men, was struggling when Gerald Mills died 20 years later. However, Charles Boon refinanced it, focused on romantic fiction and saw his firm benefit from the strong rise of commercial lending libraries — both WH Smith's and the Boots' libraries were still going strong during the 1930s. He certainly had the satisfaction of knowing that he would leave a solid business to his sons.

John Trevor Boon, his third son, was always an extremely able all-rounder. After Felsted School, where he shone on the sports field, he was elected a scholar of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and got a first in history and a half-Blue in athletics. He had barely joined the firm when the war broke out: he served as an infantryman, was a major commanding a company of the South Wales Borderers at the D-Day landings and throughout the campaign in North West Europe, being mentioned in dispatches.

He spent a further year in the historical section of the Office of the War Cabinet before returning to the family firm where, as commercial and circulating libraries died away in the postwar years, hardback romantic fiction titles fell on hard times. Despite this, with his older brother Alan — no administrator but a gifted editor — he built a team which perfectly understood this particular publishing area.

They selected and schooled writers to produce professional and skilfully written novels (some much-vaunted winners of literary fiction prizes have been much worse written). Yet they failed to recognise that the not-too-elevated market, which they so successfully catered for, would — if offered paperback romances — prove to be capable of infinite expansion.

It was not that John Boon was blind to the need constantly to change and develop. But, essentially a serious-minded man, he busied himself with the wrong things. He was very keen on developing a crafts list and — particularly after buying the long established educational publisher, Allman — an educational list. (He had been associated since its foundation with the Open University, and became a director of its Educational Enterprises in 1977).

At Mills & Boon he was appointed managing director in 1963, and soon afterwards two external events radically changed the firm's fortunes. Within the United Kingdom a few romances had been issued in paperback form — and the firm found itself startled by their success.

Meanwhile in Canada those in charge of Harlequin Books, which belonged to the Bonnycastle family and successfully sold paperback novels, were warned by a friendly bishop that their romances were becoming too raunchy. They wrote to Mills & Boon, as known producers of rather more wholesome fare. (In later years Alan Boon wryly reflected: "Thank God we didn't lose their letter.") Supplies were anyway duly arranged. The vast North American market greatly liked what it got; the Mills & Boon phenomenon had begun.

Inevitably, Harlequin soon wanted to control this invaluable supplier, and in the early 1970s John Boon, a shrewd negotiator, sold the firm to the Canadians on terms which made the Boon family rich. But the family did not then bow out: the older brother Alan, with his editorial team, continued as the skilled (though not, of course, by now exclusive) producers of the romances, while John, the buinessman brother became vice-chairman of Harlequin Enterprises.

Harlequin itself was subsequently bought out by the big Torstar Group of Toronto, whose board John Boon joined later in the 1970s. He thus became a powerful influence in the phenomenal international expansion of Mills & Boon/Harlequin romantic paperback novels. (In the mid-1990s more than 200 million of them were sold annually in over 100 separate international markets; they were also translated into 26 different languages.)

Always well-organised and hard-working — staff were disconcerted by his practice of getting to the office by 8am — Boon found time for a remarkable range of book trade activities.

He served as president of the Publishers Association and on several of its committees, as president of the International Publishers Association, as chairman of the publishers advisory panel of the British Council, as president of the Society of Bookmen and as a director of Book Tokens as well as being — a notable test of stamina — a member of no fewer than seven of the book trade's overseas missions. He was appointed CBE in 1968.

Although no extrovert, John Boon was extremely likeable and clubbable — something proved by his membership of the Garrick, the Savile and the Beefsteak, to say nothing of the RAC. He was also (from his days as an undergraduate athlete) a member of Hawks, besides being a pillar of the Wine Society.

Latterly his benign (even episcopal) appearance, which reflected his nature, led business strangers to think him a soft touch: they were soon disabused. But even his trade colleagues often wondered — with amusement rather than malice — whether his close association with putting Mills & Boon/Harlequin romances so emphatically on the map of the world had ever included reading one of them from cover to cover.

He married Felicity Logan in 1943. A linguist, she gave him much practical support (notably when at an International Publishers Association meeting in Tokyo she gave a speech in well-rehearsed Japanese), and his more recent years were saddened when she became a prolonged victim of Alzheimer's disease. There were four sons of the marriage, all of whom survive him.

WALTER HASSAN

Hassan and the Old No 1 racing Bentley

Walter Hassan, OBE, engineer, died on July 13 aged 91. He was born on April 25, 1905.

WALTER HASSAN personified the sort of all-round engineer who is now becoming more of a rarity in the profession. He was one of a tradition and a breed who knew their theory, but were still intensely practical men, who had the wisdom of a wide ranging experience and the judgment born of oily hands.

In the postwar years he played a crucial role in the development of some of the most famous engines produced in Britain: the Jaguar XK120 and V12 engines, and the Coventry Climax fire-pump unit that became the first successful postwar Grand Prix engine. At Coventry Climax he also designed a flat 16 cylinder Grand Prix engine, a small diesel engine and many others that never reached production for a variety of reasons. But Wally Hassan's engineering exploits started well before the war with W. O. Bentley.

Walter Thomas Frederick Hassan was born at Upper Holloway, north London, the eldest of six sons. His father was the manager of a gentlemen's outfitters in Highgate. Walter wanted to be a marine engineer, but the opportunities to pursue such a career in land-locked north London were few — indeed in 1920 jobs of any kind were scarce. So after completing his education at the Northern Polytechnic and the Hackney Technical Institute, he began to look for a job at the age of 15. Returning with his father from an unsuccessful foray to the Sunbeam works, he noticed in Cricklewood a new factory being built which carried the name of the owner Walter Owen Bentley.

His father wrote for an interview, it was granted and Walter started as a boy learner at ten shillings a week as employee number 15. Surrounded by experts he quickly assimilated the practical side of automobile engineering. To learn the theory, he attended the Regent Street Polytechnic on a part-time basis. He passed the examinations and became a member of the Institute of Automobile Engineers. At the age of 25 he was put in charge of Bentley's racing department and made annual trips to the Le Mans 24 hour race. He also drove competitively himself and was fortunate to survive a crash in a 3-litre Bentley at Montlhéry, France, in the early 1930s.

When W. O. Bentley sold out to Rolls-Royce in 1931, Hassan joined the wealthy Bentley driver Woolf Barnato, and from this association emerged the Barnato Hassan Bentley, and later the Pacey Hassan. In a garage in Belgrave Mews he built Old No 1, a 6½-litre engined car in a 4-litre frame, which went over the banking at Brooklands in the 500-mile race killing the driver.

When Barnato retired, Walter moved to ERA in Bourne. But because his wife was in Surrey he claimed that he was drinking too much beer and moved down to Thompson and Taylor at Brooklands where he worked on the Railton-designed record breaker to be driven by John Cobb. While tuning an SS100 for Edgar Wadsworth he met Bill Heynes chief engineer of SS Cars, and later joined that company as chief experimental engineer.

When the war started Hassan went down to Bristol to work on aircraft carburettor development, but hurried back to Coventry when he heard that SS Cars were to develop an air transportable, parachutable, lightweight vehicle. A talented team produced two vehicles, but neither went into production because aircraft and parachute development overtook the vehicles: a standard Jeep could be transported and parachuted. The famous XK120 engine was created after discussions when Sir William Lyons, the boss of Jaguar, Walter Hassan and the engineering team were on fire-watching duty together at the Coventry factory.

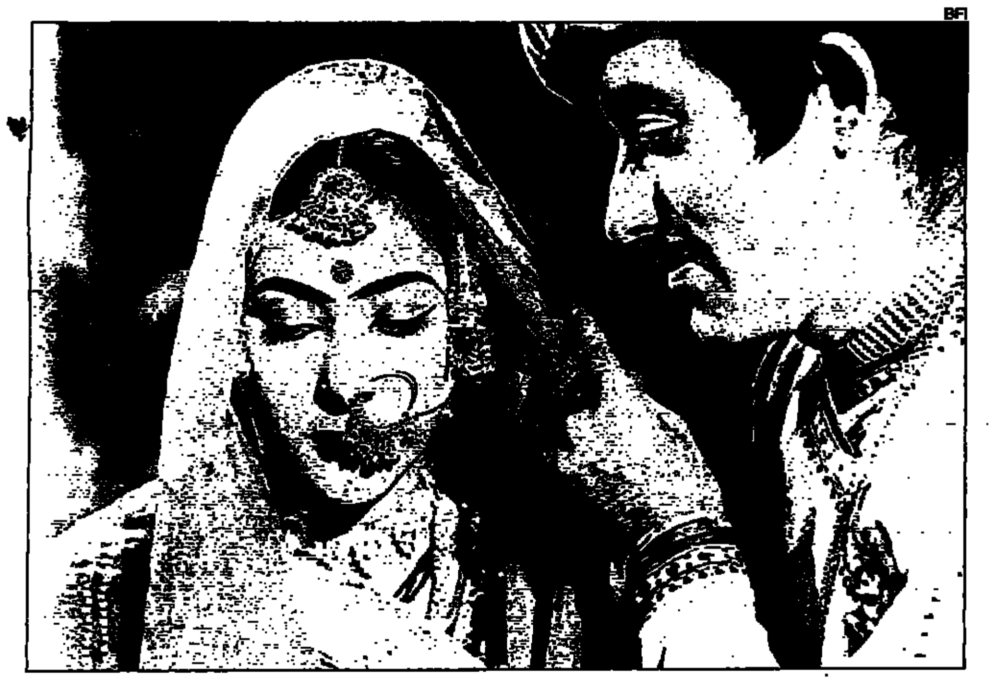
Hassan moved to Coventry Climax as chief engineer in 1950, and was soon producing racing engines which powered four world championship winning cars from 1959 to 1965. Jaguar took over Coventry Climax in 1963, and Hassan was made director, Power Units, and, with Harry Munday, he designed the magnificent V12 engine which was first fitted to the E Type Jaguar in 1971. A year later, with the V12 now launched in the saloon car, Hassan retired at the age of 67. He was appointed OBE in 1971.

Although troubled by his hips and knees, his brain and his enthusiasm were as sharp as ever. He redesigned the engine for the Pacey Hassan Bentley model, giving it twin overhead camshafts with the spark plugs placed over the combustion chambers.

Shrewd, with an immense depth of knowledge he was a joy to talk to, and relished good company. He was also courteous and tireless in his efforts to help a worthy cause.

His wife Ethel and one son predeceased him. He is survived by three sons and a daughter.

RAAJ KUMAR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Kumar (right) in Mehboob Khan's *Mother India*, 1957

Raaj Kumar, Indian film actor, died of blood cancer on July 3 aged 68. He was born in Loralai (formerly India, now in Pakistan) on October 8, 1927.

RAAJ KUMAR did not belong to modern Indian cinema, a medium every day more meretricious and Westernised. His lacquered looks and unhurried elegance were of another age, one of understated tones and courtly memories. Unlike present-day Bombay film stars, he was a cultured, well-taught man, his baritone voice lending itself as readily to a recitation, say, of Ghalib's classical poetry as to the "dialogues" confected especially for him by awe-struck screenwriters.

Born into "a good family" — a phrase that is still widely used in India — Raaj Kumar's middle-class breeding and education could so easily have brought him success in the managerial or administrative services. India was young when he was young and his professional prospects were considerable; besides, his patriotic father, who was an officer in the Army, expected his son to serve the newly-independent nation.

Indeed, he did join the Bombay police, working at the Mahim police station until 1952. Yet his attraction to the khaki uniform of his profession was less powerful than the allure of the city's film studios, and Raaj Kumar, after work each day, would travel to the Ranjit Studio to pester the directors in the hopes of landing a film part.

His rich, rare voice — a precious asset in a cinema culture which then valued stylised delivery as highly as an ability to act — soon caught the attention of film-makers, and he made his debut in 1952, in *Rangeeli* (Merry Woman). For the film, he abandoned his real name (the decidedly uncinematic Kulbhushan Pandit, full of ponderous Brahmin resonances) and adopted his glamorous *nom de théâtre*, which means "crown prince".

It was not until *Mother India* (1957), an emotional, patriotic film which captured the spirit of the times, that Kumar starred in a genuine hit. The success of the film, still considered by many to be one of the finest ever to come out of "Bollywood", was due of course to the actress Nargis, whose fragile beauty won for her the hearts of the nation. But the young Kumar was noticed by all, and starring roles were never again to be a problem.

With his ramrod posture and bearing, his virile voice and his closely clipped moustache, the ex-police officer soon became a cult figure with college boys across northern India, who mimicked his gait, his mannerisms and his style. Although he was never to attain the status of romantic hero in the manner of Dilip Kumar or Raj Kapoor (or even, later, of Dev Anand or Rajesh Khanna), Raaj Kumar won the devotion of legions of Indian women with his sublime performance in *Pakeezah* (The Pure One).

If there is a film which rivals *Mother India* in the pantheon of Indian cinematography, it is perhaps *Pakeezah*. When the account of independent India is written in the next century, sensitive social historians will rate this film as the greatest event of 1971, ranking with the liberation of Bangladesh by soldiers of the Indian Army. Kumar starred in this tale of an aristocrat's love for a dancing girl, alongside the breathtaking Meena Kumari, and it cannot be said that his performance was in any way inferior to hers.

"I saw your feet. They are very beautiful. Do not bring them down to earth, for they will be soiled." These lines, from the young aristocrat to his ill-fated courtesan, are among the most famous in all Indian cinema. To millions of moviegoers it was apt that they should come from Kumar. The fineness of his speech, after all, was the making of him.

The pipe-smoking actor, who loved golf and pranks, lived his life at a discreet distance from the rest of Bombay's celluloid tribe. He continued to act in films — although only occasionally — until the early years of the 1990s, when illness overtook him.

He is survived by his wife Gayatri, and by a daughter and two sons.

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A cultural purge in Soviet Russia decided that Wagner's Lohengrin *was not acceptable but, even with a new libretto, Glinka's* Life for the Tsar *still retained "monarchist associations".*

MUSIC AND ART IN RUSSIA.

BOLSHEVIST ATTITUDE TO "KITESH".

THE NEW CRITICISM.

(FROM OUR RIGA CORRESPONDENT)

Fresh efforts are being made at Moscow and Leningrad to "purge the stage," to make it "serve the revolution," and it has been announced that the repertoires for the next season will contain no "objectionable matter" of a capitalist, bourgeois, or religious nature.

Music and drama are still prominent among the few things in Russia which the Bolshevists have not destroyed. Even before the revolution, when rags were not so common in Russia as nowadays, a generous sprinkling of the audience at a good opera in Petrograd and Moscow was clad in threadbare and patched garments such as are rarely seen at such places in London.

Ever since the Bolshevists seized power the Commissariat of Education, under Lunacharsky, has been trying to make the stage a vehicle of Communist propaganda. They have as yet only partially succeeded: "proletarian" and "revolutionary" plays have been written, many by Lunacharsky himself, and a number of musical plays staged, but none has met with marked success, and the old, old works have held their own against these new experiments. For the past two or three years a great amount of work has been done re-writing the works of pre-revolutionary masters to "bring them into line with the economic developments of the present time."

Discussing such an adaptation of Glinka's opera, *Life for the Tsar*, the musical and dramatic critic of *Pravda* says that although the opera was given an entirely new libretto and a new name, the "patriotic appeal" still remained in the music, and however the music of *Life for the Tsar* might be remodelled, it could arouse nothing but "definitely monarchist associations."

But since April a great struggle has been going on around Rimsky-Korsakoff's *Legend of the Invisible City of Kitesh*. After conducting this mystic opera at Covent Garden on March 30 Mr. Albert Coates hastened to Leningrad to conduct the same work. He had been conductor at the Mariensky Theatre in Petrograd until 1917.

The performance of *Kitesh* with text unaltered, was a great success, so great, indeed, that it roused a storm in the official Press on account of the "pernicious religious influence" it was bound to exert. But the authorities were loth to discard the fine music, which it contains, and the theme and text were changed for its performance at Moscow.

The official critic deplored the result, pointing out that in the attempt to "enliven the pace," a race ensued between the vocalists and instrumentalists, but "the latter got home first." The Soviet Press points out that in *Kitesh* the "mystical religious spirit" is inherent in the music itself, and no amount of textual "improvement" can make it a "dish fit for proletarian listeners." As an opera, it seems doomed, as far as Soviet Russia is concerned.

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leading counsel for Preddy was Mr Ivan Krolick.

Challenge wrong VAT fines, says accountant

TAXPAYERS who set out to appeal against VAT penalties imposed for late or incorrect payments often give up at the first hurdle, according to Moores Rowland, the chartered accountant (Rodney Hobson writes).

An appeal letter sent by the taxpayer will frequently receive a standard letter from the Customs and Excise VAT office stating: "From the information given, the reasons do not amount to a reasonable excuse and the penalty therefore remains intact."

Nigel Ferrington, VAT consultant at Moores Rowland, says: "At this stage, many taxpayers give up the fight. They either don't want to upset their local VAT man or it doesn't make commercial sense to pursue the matter further. But, in a lot of cases, the taxpayer should persist as they do have a reasonable excuse."

Although the number of serious misdeclaration penalties issued by Customs and Excise has declined, many businesses still fall foul of surcharges for late payment, late registration, errors of more than £2,000 and evasion.

Mr Ferrington says reasonable excuses include cashflow problems, postal delays, staff illness, pressure of work, errors in writing the cheque, problems with the bank, computer failure or incorrect advice given by VAT office staff.

He adds: "The skill comes in presenting the reasonable excuse in a way acceptable to the VAT office. A justifiable ground for appeal may emerge from taking professional advice. Our advice is never accept a penalty until you are 100 per cent certain it is legally due."

Holidays in the saddle bring business success

Veronica Heath meets a former travel operator offering a different package

IRENE WILSON says horses are in her blood. As a youngster, riding was her hobby. Yet when she left school she chose a job that had nothing to do with horses: she went to work in a travel agency.

"People dream of turning their riding hobby into a business, but few make the grade," she said. Of those who try, 60 per cent fail, and if they have used up redundancy money or a family nest egg, that often represents double trouble.

Then, 21 years ago, Ms Wilson, by then an experienced tour operator and trained to put together a good holiday package, spotted a gap in the market.

"People were becoming interested in activity holidays," she said. "I noticed there were riding breaks for children but not adults. I thought I could combine my riding expertise with my travel-business acumen and started by offering trail riding for experienced horsemen and women only."

"I ran the venture professionally from the beginning and all the way I have reinvested profit back into the business."

Initially, she used her own horses and led the rides herself, renting land and sub-contracting her clients to hotels. In 1986, she bought the 30-bedroom Dale Hotel, at Allendale, on the border of Northumberland and Co Durham, as a base for her guests. She now has 52 horses and ponies and employs 18 staff.

"I bought the hotel so that I had overall control over the accommodation and food," she said. "It was a brave venture, but it has paid off."

The hotel is the main base for the business, Northumbria Horse Holidays. A mini-bus transports the guests to and from the stables at Annfield Plain, Co Durham.

"I have a manager in the hotel and, at quiet periods, if there is room, we take other guests, but riding clients get priority," Ms Wilson says.

The business has expanded beyond trail riding into weekend hacking breaks and learn-to-ride and improve-your-riding holidays. The holidays are designed to be fun, but with the emphasis on safety. "Visitors arrive and tell us that they are experienced in the saddle, but we insist on an assessment," Ms Wilson says. "When you work with animals, you have to accept that they might occasionally feel off-colour and be unreliable." Formal riding wear is optional, but safety hats are obligatory.

Any business involving animals means long hours for the proprietor. During winter, the horses still have to be looked after and next summer's promotion planned.

With no business partner, Ms Wilson has to shoulder all responsibility herself. There have been tough decisions to make, but she has built the company up to be a market leader. "The only sad thing is that the bigger the business grows, the less time I have to spend in the saddle," she said.

Irene Wilson is on 01207 235354

VERONICA HEATH

Irene Wilson used her expertise to fill a market niche

Village life decline 'stunting growth'

By Brian Collett

A COUNTRYSIDE lobby group has intensified its campaign for better services after a depressing report from the Rural Development Commission.

The latest survey from the commission, a government agency that suggests ways of improving life in the countryside, shows that nearly a third of English villages have no daily bus service, only half have a post office, and 83 per cent lack a permanent doctor.

The result, Action with Communities in Rural England (Acre) says, is a stunting of village-based businesses. The case for better services, to stimulate small businesses and to help the elderly at the same time, has been made to the Government by Acre.

Paula Wallington, Acre's spokeswoman, said: "Without public transport, recruitment of staff is a huge difficulty for businesses. People have to rely heavily on voluntary car schemes. There is also little housing at reasonable prices in the countryside and this makes the recruitment problem worse." The absence of public transport hits the unemployed, too, she said. People seeking work could not reach JobCentres without cars.

Lord Shuttleworth, the commission chairman, added a warning after the survey that conditions could make living and working in the countryside more difficult for anybody who was not well off.

Better news for rural England is that Acre has received £10 million for refurbishing village halls and building up to 12 new ones. The money was granted by the Millennium Commission after Acre's second bid.

The new halls will include telecottages, centres equipped with the technology needed by small businesses. All applicants for refurbishment will also be asked to consider putting telecottages into their plans.

Bill Perrett, Acre's deputy director, said: "About 15 per cent of people live in rural areas and they will regard this project as a directly relevant use of Millennium funds."

Price to pay for the euro

By Rodney Hobson

IF BRITAIN joins the single European currency it could cost small and medium-sized businesses £2 million to cope with the changeover, Blick Rothenberg, the chartered accountant, says.

The main problem would be coping with the six to eight-month dual running period when the euro is phased in but national currencies have not been withdrawn. Retailing would be particularly badly affected, Blick says. The London-based accountant believes the money markets will begin using the euro electronically in 1999 and notes and coins will be issued by 2002 at the latest.

Mark Ryan, systems manager at Blick, says the timescale between agreement to adopt the euro and introduction of the dual running system allows little time to implement the changes, not only in retailing but across all sectors.

"In the UK alone, there are about a million businesses using basic, single-currency accounting systems," Mr Ryan said. "Although most mid-range and large computerised bookkeeping systems are able to deal with more than one currency, this option has not been purchased by the majority."

Although it is possible to upgrade many systems to run more than one currency, it will double software costs. Additional costs will also be incurred in modifying business processes to deal with the changeover. Most tills work only with a single currency, so shops will require two tills during the changeover, he says, and may have to display prices in both currencies.

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☐ More than £100,000 of European funding has been awarded to the area covered by Aztec, the training and enterprise council in Kingston, Merton and Wandsworth. Call 0181-547 3934.

☐ A legal helpline has been set up by Lee Valley Business Innovation Centre in Enfield, Middlesex. The centre encourages technology businesses and is part-funded by the European Commission. The legal service will be provided by Beachcroft Stanleys, a firm of solicitors. Call 0181-805 8100.

☐ Managers in smaller businesses received higher increases in earnings last year than those in large firms. *The Smaller Business Review*, from the Institute of Management and Remuneration Economics (0181-549 8726), shows that managers in companies with below £40 million turnover, had a 5.2 per cent rise, compared with the average 4.7 per cent — but only 38 per cent received a bonus. The average small organisation manager is male, aged 43, has been with his company 12 years and earns £29,445, including a £2,537 bonus. The average director, also male, is 48, has been 15 years with the company and earns £60,522, including an £8,737 bonus. The female executive continued to decline in small firms, but her average increase of 5.8 per cent was slightly better than men's. She is typically aged 39, and, after eight years with her company, earns £27,509, including a £3,116 bonus.

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Tenant was unaware of relevant fact

Regina v Westminster City Council, Ex parte Obeid

Before Mr Justice Carnwath

[Judgment June 26]

Unawareness that housing benefit was subject to limitations in relation to certain rents amounted to being "unaware of any relevant fact" within the meaning of section 60(3) of the Housing Act 1985.

Therefore a person who rejected a council's offer of accommodation and moved into private accommodation in the genuine but mistaken belief that the rent would be paid by housing benefit was not acting deliberately so as to render her homeless intentionally when she was unable to pay the rent.

Mr Justice Carnwath so held in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing an application for judicial review by Mariam Obeid from a decision of Westminster City Council on February 20, 1996 and reaffirmed on April 18 that the applicant was intentionally homeless.

Mr Terence Gallivan for the applicant. Mr Clive Jones for the council.

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that the London Borough of Wandsworth had accepted the applicant, her husband and their two young children as being unintentionally homeless and in priority need and had given them temporary accommodation at Frensham Drive in Putney pending a final offer.

They stayed there from July 1994 to July 1995. In May 1995 Wandsworth offered them permanent accommodation in a flat at Beaumont Road but they appealed against that offer on health grounds. The appeal was rejected and accordingly they accepted the offer and signed the tenancy agreement.

However, in the short period before the flat was ready they attempted to find private rented accommodation which would not be open to the same objections. They found through an estate agent a flat at Randolph Avenue in Maida Vale at a monthly rent of £910, equivalent to £210 a week.

Having made inquiries to satisfy themselves that the rent would be paid by housing benefit they decided to take the property and reject the offer at Beaumont Road.

After they moved in they found out that their housing benefit entitlement would only be £180 a week and their appeal against that failed. The reason for the shortfall was that under the regulations in force at the time a proportion of the rent was disallowed if the rent officer held it to be unreasonable when assessed by comparison with rents payable on suitable alternative accommodation in the area.

Being unable to meet the shortfall on the rent they applied to Westminster City Council for housing as being threatened with homelessness. The council refused their application on the ground that they were intentionally homeless.

The council's case was that the applicant and her husband were the authors of their own misfortune, that they were never in a position to pay the rent at Randlph Avenue, and that they should have taken the Beaumont Road accommodation. The applicant said that she assumed from her previous experience that the rent would be covered by housing benefit.

His Lordship said there was no doubt that the applicant acted deliberately when leaving Frensham Drive and as a result that property ceased to be available for her family.

The question raised was whether under section 60(3) of the 1985 Act she acted in good faith and while "unaware of any relevant fact". No issue was raised as to her good faith and it was argued on her behalf that the council should have found that she was unaware of a relevant fact, namely that housing benefit was available only to pay a proportion of the rent.

His Lordship said that section 60(3) was not without its difficulties. The test was not the reasonableness of the applicant's actions but whether they were taken in ignorance. That might seem unjust.

A person who took the trouble to find out the relevant facts, but made a reasonable but mistaken judgment could not apparently claim the benefit of the section. But a person who made no inquiries at all and therefore acted in ignorance might be able to do so.

The scope of the the concept of "fact" in the context of section 60(3) had been considered in several cases which were reviewed by the Court of Appeal in two cases: *R v Exeter City Council, Ex parte Tranckle* ((1993) 26 HLR 244), where the applicants left settled accommodation to take over an inn, but became homeless when that venture failed, and *R v Ealing London Borugh Council, Ex parte Sukhija* ((1994) 26 HLR 726), where a lady from Bangladesh came to this country in the mistaken view that she would be able to find work and accommodation here.

His Lordship said that the effects of those two decisions was that the applicant's appreciation of the prospects of future housing or future employment could be treated as "awareness of a relevant fact" for the purposes of section 60(3), provided it was sufficiently specific to employment or housing opportuities, and provided it was based on some genuine investigation and not mere "aspiration".

Although that interpretation might not accord with what one would normally understand by a reference in a statute to a "relevant fact", it was an interpretation by which his Lordship was bound.

It was perhaps justified by the general intent of the Act to ensure that those who found themselves under the extreme pressures of homelesssness should not be penalised except for decisions made with their eyes fully open.

If the applicant had acted in the genuine belief that she would have no difficulties with housing benefit, then it was difficult to see why it should not be regarded as a "relevant fact" just as was the belief of the Tranckles as to the prospects of the inn business.

If the council thought they had made no genuine investigation of the matter, their stated belief might have been dismissed as mere aspiration.

Solicitors: Daniel & Harris, Kilburn; Mr Colin T. Wilson, Westminster.

Judge erred over security for costs order

Allied General Holdings Ltd v Sorsky and Others

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Phillips

[Judgment June 25]

When a judge hearing an interlocutory appeal based his decision on a possibility which was not stated in the evidence and which could not logically be inferred from it, he had misappreciated the case and erred in a material way which entitled the Court of Appeal to interfere with the exercise of his discretion.

In an action against several defendants the judge had erred in discharging an order for security for costs which had been made on the application of two defendants, on the ground that the plaintiff's inability to provide security for those two defendants might possibly lead the plaintiff to abandon his genuine claim against the other defendants.

The Court of Appeal so stated when allowing an appeal by the third and fourth defendants, Melvyn Langley and Alan Stuart Bradstock, from a decision of Sir Mervyn Davies sitting in the Chancery Division on February 14, 1995 when he discharged an order for security for costs in the sum of £11,000 made by Master Moncaster on September 26, 1994.

The action by the plaintiff company, Allied General Holdings Ltd, was brought against five defendants of whom the first, second and fifth defendants were Harold Sorsky, Daniel Platt and Stewart Dymant.

Mr Paul Staddon for the third and fourth defendants: Mr Jonathan Russen for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE PHILLIPS said that the five defendants were at the material time in 1988 practising as partners in a firm of accountants. The plaintiff was a company incorporated in the Isle of Man and had no assets other than the hope of recovering some £100,000 in an action in Luxembourg and a further parallel claim in damages against the defendants. The actions were funded by Mr Ivan Beal, the proprietor of the plaintiff company.

The nature of the plaintiff's claim was that in December 1987 the first defendant, acting in his capacity as a partner wrote a letter making fraudulent misrepresentations which induced the plaintiff to give him a cheque for £100,000 to purchase preference shares in JAG Group Ltd: that he and the partnership were under a duty to hold that cheque in trust until the issue of the shares and delivery of the share certificates; and that the first defendant paid the cheque into the bank account of JAG Estates Ltd, which was now insolvent. The pleadings alleged dishonesty on the part of the five defendants. JAG Group Ltd and JAG Estates Ltd were the creatures of the partnership, and the partners were alleged to have constructive knowledge of the facts. The third and fourth defendants said that the transactions had nothing to do with the partnership. The other defendants admitted most of the material facts alleged but averred that the £100,000 was being held as a set-off against a debt of £168,000 owed by the plaintiff to the first defendant. It was denied that the firm was involved in the transaction.

When discharging the order for security for costs the judge had said that "it may be, no more, that the action will be abandoned if a security order is made against the plaintiff" and that it was "wrong to take a course which might stop the plaintiff from a genuine claim against all five defendants".

His Lordship said that since the judge was exercising a discretion the Court of Appeal should not interfere unless it was satisfied that he had erred in the principles he applied or proceeded on a wrong factual basis or was plainly wrong.

The judge had misapprehended the facts in his finding that there was a risk that the security for costs order might stifle the proceedings altogether and had erred in his understanding of the defendants' case in a manner which was highly material. Therefore their Lordships had to exercise their discretion.

The plaintiff said that there would be a danger, if the claim did not proceed against the third and fourth defendants, that the other defendants would take the view that the action was not properly constituted. But that was unrealistic. There was only one issue, namely whether the first defendant had a cross-claim for £186,000.

It was also significant that the claim made against the third and fourth defendants, who were accountants, was the very serious one of dishonesty.

His Lordship had grave doubts that dishonesty was the proper claim rather than that they shared liability for the act of another partner. For the third and fourth defendants the trial assumed great importance and was one which they would not feel able to do other than to defend themselves in a manner which was likely to be expensive. They were therefore justified in seeking security for costs and the master's order was restored.

Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Millett agreed.

Solicitors: Seddons; Bray Walker.

Reasonable financial provision for widow

In re Krubert (Deceased)

Before Lord Justice Nourse and Mr Justice Cazalet

[Judgment June 27]

Under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975 provision for a widow whose deceased husband had not made "reasonable financial provision" for her in his will depended on consideration of what would be reasonable in all the circumstances of her case.

The court in deciding the issue did not have to take as its starting point consideration of what she would have received had divorce instead of death divided them but was to have regard to all the matters set out in section 3(1) and (2) of the Act.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Vladislav Krubert and Anna Vascova, beneficiaries under the will of the testator, Frank Krubert, deceased, from the judgment of Mr Recorder J. T. Curran in Caernarfon County Court in October 1995 on an application by the widow, Elsie Krubert.

Having found that the testator had not made "reasonable financial provision" in his will for the applicant, the recorder ordered that other than payments of £7,000 to each of the beneficiaries, the whole of his estate, including the matrimonial home, was to go to her absolutely.

By section 1(1)(a) of the 1975 Act a surviving spouse could apply for an order under section 2 of the Act that provision be made for her from the deceased's estate on the ground that his will had not made reasonable financial provision for her.

Section 3(1) of the Act set out the matters to which the court was to have regard in exercising its powers under section 2, including the financial resources and needs of such an applicant and of any beneficiary.

Section 3(2) provided that the court, in addition to the matters referred to in section 3(1), should have regard to the provision that the applicant might reasonably have expected to receive if on the day the deceased had died the marriage, instead of being terminated by death, had been terminated by a decree of divorce.

Mr Gareth Jones for the beneficiaries: Mr Anthony O'Toole for the applicant.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the deceased, born in 1911, had married the applicant, now aged nearly 90, in 1950. They had no children. In 1952, having acquired a plot of land in his sole name, the deceased had built a house in which he and the applicant had thereafter lived. The £200 paid for the plot had been put up by the applicant.

The effect of the deceased's will was that the applicant was to take his personal chattels and £10,000 absolutely and a life interest in the house. The remainder of his estate, valued in total at some £100,000, was to go to the deceased's brother and sister.

The judge, in a full and careful judgment, directed himself by reference to the observations of the Court of Appeal in *Moody v Stevenson* ([1992] Ch 486, 499) that "in cases where the applicant is a surviving spouse, the logical starting point . . . would be an appraisal of the claimant's notional entitlement under sections 25 and 25A of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 . . . assuming that there has been a decree of divorce at the date of death (section 3(2)) and treating the assets in the deceased's estate as if they had been matrimonial assets valued as at the date of the hearing (section 3(5))".

But the judge did not refer to *In re Besterman* ([1984] 1 Ch 458, 469) where Lord Justice Oliver had said of an application under the 1975 Act by a surviving spouse that "the figure resulting from the section 25 [of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973] exercise is merely one of the factors to which the court is to 'have regard' and the overrididng consideration is what is 'reasonable' in all the circumstances".

A conflict, if only one of emphasis, existed between those two decisions. It could cause problems for judges hearing such cases at first instance.

There was some evidence that the approach adopted in *Moody v Stevenson* might have caused confusion, especially in cases concerning small estates. That was understandable as on a divorce two parties had to be provided for: on death there was only one.

The approach adopted by Lord Justice Oliver in *In re Besterman* was preferable and should be adopted accordingly.

Mr Jones's basic submission was that the judge's order amounted to a wholesale redistribution of the deceased's estate beyond what was required to make reasonable financial provision for the applicant. The judge, he said, had effectively and unjustifiably rewritten the provisions of the deceased's will.

That submission was made out. The judge erred in principle in awarding the applicant an absolute interest in the house. The applicant, although in good health, was nearly 90. If she moved from the house it would be into sheltered accommodation. No case was made out for giving her an absolute interest in the house.

The deceased in his will had not, however, made reasonable financial provision for the applicant's needs. In the circumstances, the reasonable course for the court to take was to direct that the applicant was to take an absolute interest in the whole of the assets of the estate except for the house in which she was to have a life interest.

Mr Justice Cazalet delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Richard Wilson & Co, Pangbourne; Campbell Hooper for Elwyn Jones & Co, Bangor.

Diabetic driver dangerous

Regina v Marison

Before Lord Jstice McCowan, Mr Justice McCullough and Mr Justice Toulson

[Judgment July 8]

When a diabetic driver, who was aware that there was a real risk that he would have a sudden hypoglycaemic attack, got into his car and started to drive and such an attack occurred, resulting in his car veering, crashing into an oncoming vehicle and killing its driver, such driving fell within the definition of dangerous driving within section 2A of the Road Traffic Act 1988, as substituted by section 1 of the 1991 Act.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held when dismissing the appeal of Lee John Marison against his conviction, following a plea of guilty on April 30, 1996 at Ipswich Crown Court (Judge Turner) of causing death by dangerous driving.

Mr Stewart Wernham, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Peter Fenn for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant changed his plea to guilty following a voir-dire in which the judge found that the appellant was fully aware when he got in his car that he was prone to hypoglycaemic attacks without warning, that that constituted "circumstances of which he could be expected to be aware" and of which he had knowledge, and that the facts in this case could amount to dangerous driving.

In *R v Woodward (Terence)* (*The Times* December 7, 1994; [1995] 1 WLR 375) a case of self-induced intoxication, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, said that it would be strange if Parliament intended to make driving a vehicle in a dangerously defective state an offence under the section but not driving when the driver was in a dangerously defective state due to drink.

Drink did not arise in the present case, but on the evidence the appellant was in a dangerously defective state due to diabetes. There was no difference in principle. The point was whether the driver in question had knowledge of the circumstances in question. Undoubtedly this driver did. The judge had ruled correctly.

Solicitors: CPS, Suffolk.

Holding was a decision

Farrington v The Queen

Where the Court of Appeal of The Bahamas had upheld a judge in refusing a prisoner a stay of execution pending the hearing of constitutional proceedings challenging the carrying out of his sentence of death, on the ground that they were bound to fail, but had not formally dismissed those proceedings, there had nevertheless been in substance and effect a "decision" of the Court of Appeal on the constitutional motion within article 104 of the Constitution, giving an appeal as of right to the Privy Council.

The Privy Council (Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle and Lord Steyn) so held on June 17 when giving reasons for having, on May 22, granted the applicant, Ricardo Farrington, special leave to appeal against a decision of the Court of Appeal of The Bahamas (Mr Justice Gonsalves-Sabola, President, Mr Justice George, Justice of Appeal, and Mr Justice Liverpool, Justice of Appeal) dated May 6, 1996.

LORD KEITH said that although there was an appeal as of right their Lordships had granted the applicant special leave to appeal as a poor person. However, they wished to make it clear that even in a case where an appeal lay as of right it would be inappropriate to grant special leave where it was plain beyond rational argument that the appeal was doomed to fail.

Derisory offer refused

Khan v Official Receiver

A trustee in bankruptcy was not bound to dispose of an asset of the bankrupt at the only price offered for it if that price was derisory.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse and Mr Justice Cazalet) so held on June 18 when dismissing an application for leave to appeal against the dismissal by the district judge of an application under section 303 of the Insolvency Act 1986 by the appellant, Tahir Ali Khan, a bankrupt, that the respondent be ordered to assign a chose in action to him.

The appellant had offered up to £1,000 to the respondent for the right to pursue an action against his solicitors.

The right, held by him until his bankruptcy, had been vested in the respondent under section 306 of the 1986 Act.

The sum was considered by the district judge as derisory given that the action was a substantial one.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the Official Receiver had made it clear that not only were there unlikely to be any funds in the debtor's estate to pursue the action but that the creditors had not given an indication they would put up funds.

The Official Receiver was entitled not to accept the offer and it was not arguable that a trustee in bankruptcy was bound to dispose of an asset of the bankrupt at the only price which had been offered if that price was a derisory one.

Justices have broad discretion

Regina v Newport Justices, Ex parte Carey

In deciding whether to exercise their power under section 142 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 to reopen the case of a defendant convicted in his absence, justices were entrusted with a broad discretion and were entitled to take into account the fact that the defendant failed to appear through his own fault, and that witnesses would be inconvenienced by a retrial. They were also entitled to take into account the apparent strength of the prosecution case although little weight should generally be attached to that factor.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Henry and Mrs Justice Ebsworth) so held on June 7, dismissing Richard Michael Carey's application for judicial review to quash the refusal of Newport (Gwent) Justices on October 18, 1995, to set aside his conviction in his absence on October 4, 1995 of various offences.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that the justices were not finally shutting out the defendant who had an unfettered right of appeal to the crown court under section 108 of the 1980 Act.

The justices were entrusted with a broad discretion and the way they exercised it did not deprive the applicant of a fair trial. What they did was to emphasise, rightly, the inconvenience to witnesses when defendants, through their own fault, did not attend and indicated that there was a limit to the court's patience.

Squatter's adverse possession of property

Chung Ping Kwan and Others v Lam Island Development Co Ltd

Adverse possession for the prescribed period barred a lessee from asserting against a squatter a specifically enforceable right to renew the lease, and the legal estate which flowed from that right, as much as it barred the lessee from asserting against the squatter the other rights granted to him by the lease.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead, Lord Steyn and Sir Christopher Slade) so held on July 8, in allowing an appeal by the appellants, Chung Ping Kwan, Cheung Yuet Han and Lai Moon Hung, from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong of their consolidated appeals from the judgment of Mr Justice of Appeal Godfrey, sitting as a judge of the High Court of Hong Kong, whereby he had ordered that the respondent, Lam Island Development Co Ltd, was entitled to recover possession of certain land from the appellants.

LORD NICHOLLS said that it was a basic principle of the English and Hong Hong limitation statutes that time began to run against a lessee when he was dispossessed by a trespasser, and if continued for the prescribed period the adverse possession barred the rights to recover possession of the lessee and those claiming under him.

On determination of the lease the landlord was entitled to oust the squatter however long he might have been there. Those claiming through the landlord were similarly entitled, and so if he granted a new lease the lessee thereof could eject the squatter even if the lessee under the new lease was the same person as the lessee under the original lease.

However, if the original lease contained an option for the lessee to renew the lease the lessee had a right in respect of property which he could enforce against the landlord.

There was no reason why, as between him and the trespasser, his rights under the renewal option in the lease should not be defeated just as much as his other rights under the lease.

When he exercised the option he acquired a new legal estate by virtue only of a right included in a lease whose title had been extinguished as against the trespasser.

Where a new lease was granted pursuant to a lessee's option in the original lease the right to bring an action to recover the land from a trespasser accrued to the lessee on the date of dispossession not from the date on which the new lease was granted, and after the prescribed period as against the trespasser the lessee's title to the new lease was extinguished.

Preparatory acts and attempts

Regina v Geddes

Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Ognall and Mr Justice Astill

[Judgment June 25]

No rule of thumb test existed for determining the line of demarcation between acts which were merely preparatory and acts which might amount to an attempt to commit an offence charged. The line was not always obvious or easy to recognise, and there had always to be an exercise of judgment based on the particular facts of the case.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated when allowing an appeal by Garry William Geddes, aged 29, against his conviction at Lewes Crown Court (Judge Gower, QC and a jury) for attempted false imprisonment, contrary to section 1(1) of the Criminal Attempts Act 1981, in that he attempted unlawfully and injuriously to imprison a person unknown, for which he was sentenced to four years imprisonment.

The appellant had entered school grounds and was found in the boys' toilet by a member of staff. He ran away and a rucksack discarded by him was found to contain lengths of string, sealing tape, a knife and other items.

Section 1 of the 1981 Act provides: "(1) If, with intent to commit an offence . . . a person does an act which is more than merely preparatory to the commission of the offence, he is guilty of attempting to commit the offence."

Mr John Aspinall, QC and Mr Christopher de Havas for the appellant: Mr John Tanzer for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the appeal was concerned not with the correctness of the jury's decision but with the correctness of the judge's ruling of law that there was a case fit for the jury's consideration. Was the evidence sufficient in law to support a finding that the appellant did an act which was more than merely preparatory to the commission of the offence charged?

The cases showed that the line of demarcation between acts which were merely preparatory and acts which might amount to an attempt was not always obvious or easy to recognise. There was no rule of thumb test. There must always be an exercise of judgment based on the particular facts of the case.

An accurate paraphrase of the statutory test under section 1(1) and not an illegitimate gloss on it was to ask whether the available evidence, if accepted, could show that a defendant had done an act which showed that he was actually trying to commit the act in question or whether he had only got ready or put himself in a position or equipped himself to do so.

There was no doubt about the appellant's intention. The evidence was clearly capable of showing no more than he made preparations, that he equipped himself, got ready and put himself in a position to commit the offence charged.

But was there evidence sufficient in law to support a finding that the appellant had actually tried or attempted to commit the offence of imprisoning someone? Had he moved from the role of intention, preparation and planning into the area of execution or implementation?

He had entered the school but he had never had any contact or communication with any pupil.

The whole story was fraught with the greatest unease. Nevertheless, their Lordships could not escape giving an answer to the fundamental question.

The contents of a rucksack, lengths of string, sealing tape, a knife and other items, might have given a clear indication of what the appellant might well have had in mind but did not throw light on whether he had begun to carry out the commission of the offence.

Their Lordships were bound to conclude that the evidence was not sufficient in law to support a finding that the appellant did an act more than merely preparatory to wrongfully imprisoning a person.

The appeal was allowed and the conviction quashed.

Solicitors: Edward Harte & Co, Brighton; Crown Prosecution Service, Brighton.

Correction

In *R v Preddy* (*The Times* July 11) leading counsel for Preddy was Mr Ivan Krolick.

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NEWS

IRA bomb plot nipped in bud

■ An IRA plot to bomb gas, water and power installations and cause severe disruption to London and the South-East was halted by Scotland Yard detectives yesterday.

Hours before the first bomb was due to be primed, armed police struck at addresses in south London and discovered 36 devices under construction. Seven men were arrested. The targets would have included electricity switching centres, pumping stations and gas plants .... Page 1

Botham hits out in court

■ Ian Botham went into the witness box in the High Court yesterday to defend himself against Imran Khan's allegations of cheating and racism. The former England cricket captain, who is suing Imran for libel, said: "To be called a cheat is something I take great offence to." .... Pages 1, 3

Law chief ousted

Martin Mears, the controversial president of the Law Society, was ousted from office last night after a knife-edge vote in which he polled 641 votes fewer than Tony Girling .... Page 1

Lestor withdraws

Labour's Shadow Cabinet elections took a fresh twist yesterday when Joan Lestor, the veteran leftwinger, announced that she would not be standing in next week's poll .... Page 2

Doctor returns

Edward Shaxted, the consultant gynaecologist convicted of indecently assaulting a waitress by putting his hand up her skirt is to return to work at Northampton hospital this week .... Page 3

Siamese twins die

The Siamese twins who were born sharing a heart died last night. The baby girls died in their parents' arms .... Page 3

Archbishop criticised

The Dean of Lincoln criticised the Archbishop of Canterbury for calling for his resignation and that of the subdean, saying it was "regrettable" .... Page 4

Royal divorce

In a bare, functional courtroom, the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales was provisionally ended in a legal production-line process lasting barely two minutes .... Page 5

Coverage restricted

Reporting on the complex private life of the Third Baron Moynihan, who ran brothels in the Philippines, has been restricted by the High Court .... Pages 6, 17

Widower's lifeline

The husband of Lin Russell, who was murdered with her daughter last week, said that having to help their elder daughter to recover kept him going .... Page 8

Husband grounded

A pilot whose wife was struck by debris as he crash-landed his plane promised to give up flying. She is making a good recovery from head injuries .... Page 8

US-Saudi clash

The US and Saudi Arabia clashed over the investigation into the terrorist bombing that killed 19 Americans and over the Pentagon's wish to move its forces to safer locations .... Page 11

EU retaliation plan

European ministers prepared retaliation plans against the US if President Clinton fails to suspend aspects of a new law on trade with Cuba .... Pages 12, 17

Yeltsin absent

Al Gore, the US Vice-President, appeared angry after arriving at the Kremlin for a meeting with President Yeltsin only to be told he had gone on holiday. The Russian leader was said to be resting .... Page 13

Television 'Friends' fall out over pay

■ Cast members of *Friends*, the American television sitcom, have threatened to go on strike. In an unusual bout of militancy, the show's stars, all of them highly bankable, are behaving in anything but an amicable manner towards their production bosses. They are demanding a minimum payment of $100,000 (£64,000) each per episode .... Page 13

SHERWIN CRASTO

Hindus bathe in holy waters in Bombay yesterday to mark the start of an astrologically auspicious festival. Elsewhere in India, however, the festival was marked by stampedes in which 60 people were suffocated or trampled to death. Report, page 11

BUSINESS

Energy shares fall: Shares of British Energy fell sharply, leaving private investors who backed the controversial privatisation of the operator of the eight most modern nuclear power stations with substantial losses .... Page 23

Lloyd's vote: Lloyd's of London took a crucial step towards securing its future when thousands of names promised to pay £440 million towards the market's settlement package .... Page 23

Jobs fear: More than 1,000 retail jobs are at risk after Escom UK, the computer retailer, was put into receivership .... Page 24

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 30 points to 3,698.3. The pound fell .12 cents to $1.5508 and .73 pfennigs to DM2.3555 .... Page 26

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Golf: Tom Watson withdrew from the British Open because of a shoulder injury. He had played in the championship continuously since 1975 .... Page 44

Rugby Union: Officers of the beleaguered Rugby Football Union were locked in talks in an effort to break the deadlock that exists between them and the three other home unions .... Page 44

Football: Karel Poborski, the Czech Republic midfielder, should today become a Manchester United player despite a resurgence of interest from Liverpool .... Page 44

Cricket: England's women fought a remarkable rearguard action to escape with a draw in the third and final Test match with New Zealand .... Page 40

ARTS

Scrap sculpture: A "glacial parable for our times" is how Richard Cork describes Michael Landy's disturbing sculpture, *Scrapheap Services*, which satirises the callous side of modern life .... Page 35

Dublin's fair Féile: A three-day rock festival at the Point in Dublin attempted to recapture the spirit of the open-air festival, despite the heavy security .... Page 37

Handel revived: Using mostly British musicians and singers, the Göttingen Handel Festival has revived interest in the composer's neglected operas .... Page 36

Pop's missing goddesses: Why do female British pop singers find it difficult to sustain their careers? Will Cathy Dennis buck the trend with her new album? .... Page 37

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Westminster lives: The final part of our series on the pressures of politics on family life, and how Tessa Jowell copes with being an MP, a wife and a mother .... Page 15

BODY AND MIND

Little girls in pretty boxes: When the Olympic Games start on Friday, the highlight for many will be women's gymnastics. But a new book suggests that the road to gold may be lined with physical and mental torture .... Page 14

LAW

Hidden crime: Casualty department statistics confirm the extent of unrecorded violence. How far should accident and emergency departments go in telling police about criminal behaviour? .... Page 31

Political judges: Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, has advised against a Bill of Rights for Britain because it could draw judges into making political decisions. James D. Zirin reports on America's debate on the workings of its judiciary .... Page 33

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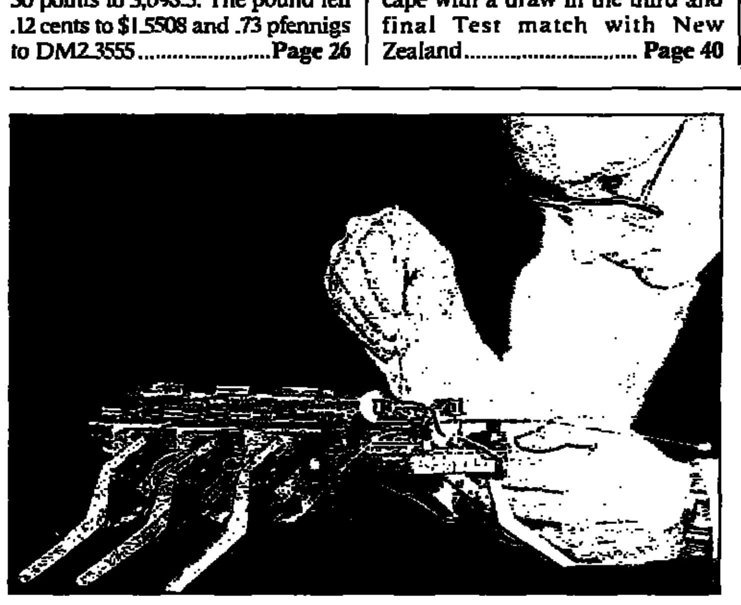
We must put an end to the half measures and the hypocrisy which consists of leaving up to Milosevic the task of delivering his associates in Bosnia. There will be neither peace nor reconciliation in Bosnia without justice for the martyrs of Srebrenica — *Libération*



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How the new robots are learning from nature. Plus, win a £7,000 Hewlett-Packard laserjet colour printer

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Iain R. Webb on Paul Frith's stylish move into the mainstream market

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Preview: A Russian lawyer falls love with the killer she is prosec ing. *True Stories* (Channel 4, 9p **Review:** Peter Barnard on the rh oric of a would-be Prir Minister .... Page

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Continental shift

A Labour Party that took the pled not to enter the European mor tary union in the lifetime of the ne Parliament would have both t parliamentary time to pursue Blair agenda at home and be mo likely to get elected in the fir place .... Page

Pigs again

European lack of support f American efforts to put pressure c the Castro regime has rankled f many years and led directly to t current transatlantic crisis. Eur peans, who say that their quarr with America is over means rath than ends, would do well to r examine their own policies towar Cuba .... Page

Proportion in court

There is a clear public interest i the right to sit in the House (Lords. It is curious — at best — th The Judicial Proceedings Ac which dates from 1926, should t used to inhibit coverage of th Moynihan case .... Page 1

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ANTHONY HOWARD

The one way in which the amateur of the Scott Trust may now have last chance to redeem their errors i by not standing idly by while *Th Observer*, with its own distinctiv character and personality, is grad ually and remorselessly swallowe up into the great maw of *Th Guardian* .... Page 1

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The mainland British have th great gift of being able to assimilat in language, custom and outlook immigrants of all races from every where in the world. That gift has failed to cross the Irish Sea Page 16

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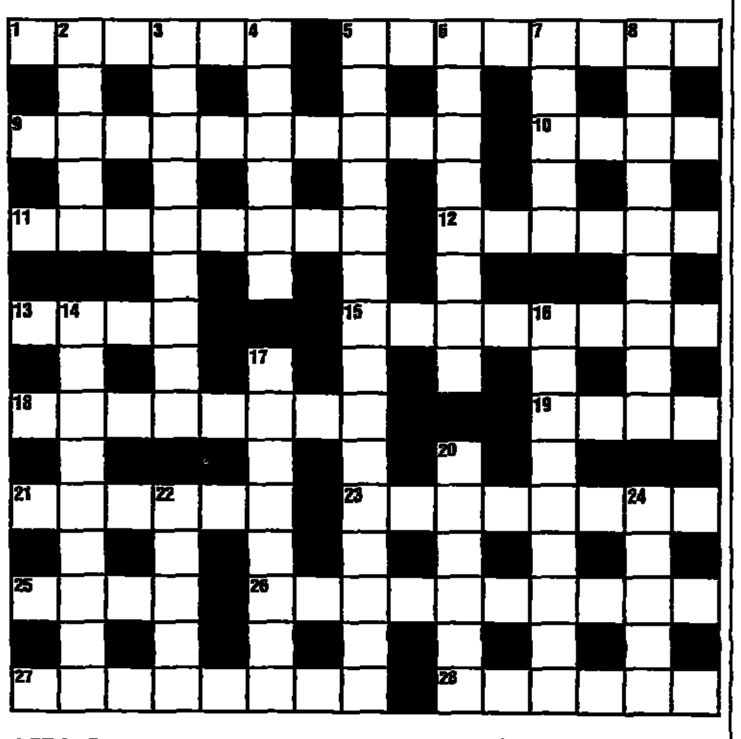

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1 A doctor provided treatment, initially without purpose (6).
5 Infantry occupy secure position for advance (8).
9 Appropriate fact is once misconstrued (10).
10 Track of a wading bird (4).
11 In which a churchwarden may stand out (4-4).
12 Such endless air trouble for this early aviator (6).
13 Boss of the establishment relying on good breeding (4).
15 Period, last century, of Einstein's development (8).
18 Concern for others, expressed as a Liberal platitude (8).
19 Sounds like hounds or hunters, perhaps (4).
21 Brown coal left out to burn (6).
23 As supercilious as Caroline? (8).
25 Brandy to spoil concentration at first (4).
26 Estrangement from Natalie? No, I reform (10).
27 Whip, Conservative, is in hurry (8).
28 Apprentice does not begin to be a breadwinner (6).

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2 Sweltering in outskirts of Delhi in this? (5).
3 Idle characters gather round person in silly position? (9).
4 Order from Italy union wants to check (6).
5 Device used by post-impressionists? (8-7).
6 Like a good monk, taking to Bede in translation (8).
7 Jute of top quality? Sounds rougher (5).
8 Relaxed? Certainly, with Hawaiian garland on (9).
14 Paper shredder of great help (9).
16 Typewriter piece to be forbidden in the future, you say? (9).
17 Scholarly people among the elite, ratings-wise (8).
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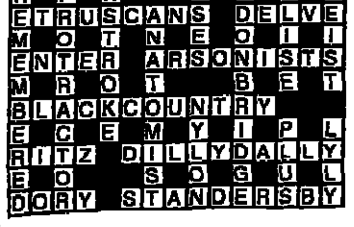

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Yesterday: Highest day temp: Madley, Hereford and Worcester, 26C (79F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland, 0.11in; highest sunshine: Morecambe, Lancashire 15.5hr

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☐ **General:** England and Wales will be dry and fairly warm and most places will have some sunshine, the best of it in the west. Top temperatures will be slightly above normal, but the south and southeast will feel cooler in a fairly fresh northeasterly wind.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be dry for the most part, just a few spots of rain possible in the north at first. Sunny spells will develop widely, lifting temperatures to normal or slightly above, and winds will be mostly light.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Channel Isles:** a cloudy start, but sunny spells developing. Wind east or northeast, moderate or fresh. Max 21C (70F)

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, E England:** dry, with sunny spells. Wind east or northeast mainly moderate. Max 21C (70F).

☐ **W Midlands, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, NE England:** dry, with good sunny periods. Wind east or southeast light, but with local sea breezes. Max 22C (72F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland:** dry, with good sunny spells developing. Wind southeast or south light, but some local sea breezes. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** variable cloud, perhaps some patchy rain at first. Wind south or southwest mostly light. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Outlook:** dry, with sunny periods. Becoming warmer again. Less windy in the south.

Pollen forecast: northeast Scotland and northeast England moderate; London and East Anglia moderate to high; the remainder of the UK high. Counts will be lower near coasts.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	9.0	0.01	17	63	sh	Littlehmptn	8.2	0.02	23	73	s
Anglesey	10.1	-	18	64	s	London	7.6	-	24	75	s
Aspatria	14.8	-	20	68	s	Lowestoft	8.1	-	19	66	s
Aviemore	4.8	0.01	17	63	b	Manchester	14.2	-	21	70	s
Belfast	4.7	-	17	63	b	Margate	6.2	-	20	68	s
Birmingham	15.3	-	23	73	s	Minehead	12.8	-	22	72	s
Bognor R	8.8	-	25	77	s	Morecambe	15.5	-	21	70	s
Bournem'th	9.5	-	24	75	s	Newcastle	X				
Bristol	13.2	-	24	75	s	Newquay	7.1	-	19	66	s
Buxton	12.4	-	19	66	s	Norwich	7.4	-	22	72	b
Cardiff	12.4	-	23	73	s	Oxford	14.3	-	24	75	s
Clacton	9.7	-	17	63	s	Penzance	X	-	23	73	s
Colwyn Bay	9.0	-	15	59	s	Poole	9.6	-	25	77	s
Cromer	11.9	-	18	64	s	Prestatyn	X	-	17	63	s
Dunbar	10.7	-	18	64	b	Ross-o-wye	14.9	-	25	77	s
Eastbourne	0.3	-	21	70	du	Ryde	11.0	-	24	75	s
Edinburgh	X					Salcombe	7.3	-	23	73	s
Eskdalemuir	11.7	-	17	63	s	Sandown	10.7	-	24	75	s
Exmouth	9.2	-	23	73	s	Sauntn Snd	13.0	-	23	73	s
Falmouth	5.1	-	24	75	s	Scarboro'	13.8	-	17	63	s
Fishguard	13.2	-	17	63	s	Shanklin	11.8	-	23	73	s
Folkestone	6.3	-	21	70	s	Shrewsbury	10.8	-	22	72	s
Glasgow	9.4	-	20	68	b	Skegness	14.4	-	18	64	s
Guernsey	2.0	-	20	68	c	Southend	X	-	21	70	b
Hastings	3.2	-	21	70	s	Southport	15.0	-	18	64	s
Hayling I.	10.6	-	23	73	s	Southsea	11.0	-	23	73	s
Herne Bay	5.7	-	21	70	s	Stornoway	9.8	0.04	15	59	s
Hove	3.3	-	24	75	b	Swanage	9.5	-	21	70	s
Hunstanton	10.7	-	18	64	s	Teignmouth	9.9	-	22	72	s
Jersey	7.3	-	23	73	s	Tiree	2.2	0.02	15	59	c
Kinloss	10.3	-	17	63	s	Torquay	9.5	-	25	77	s
Leeds	14.2	-	19	66	s	Ventnor	8.9	-	23	73	s
Lerwick	5.3	0.11	13	55	s	West-s-mare	13.5	-	24	75	s
Leuchars	11.7	-	19	66	s	Weymouth	7.1	-	23	73	s

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Amst'dm	17	63	d	Faro	28	82	s	Mexico C	23	73	f	Santiago	8	46	fg
Athens	32	90	s	Florence	27	81	s	Miami	31	88	s	Seoul	25	77	c
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Barbados	27	81	f	Gibraltar	24	75	f	Munich	26	79	f	Sydney	14	57	s
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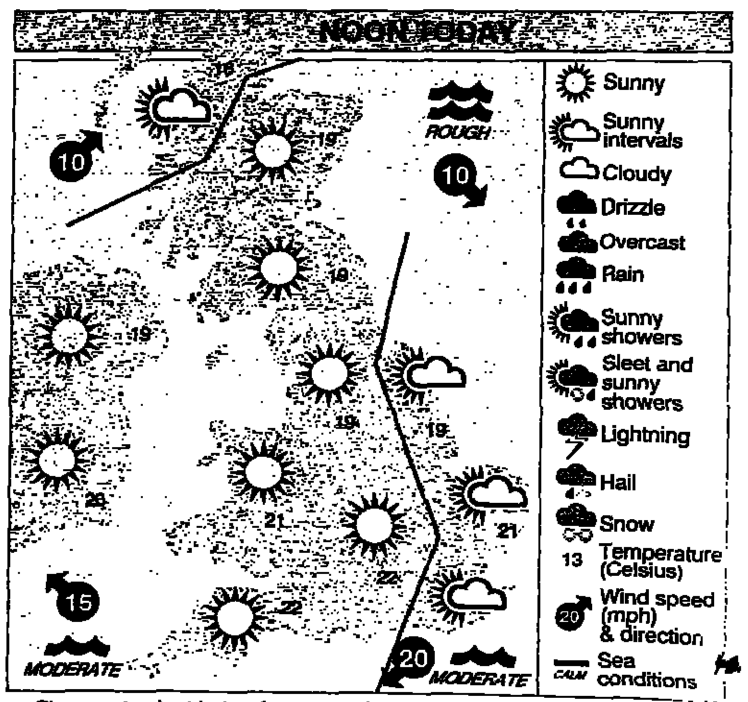
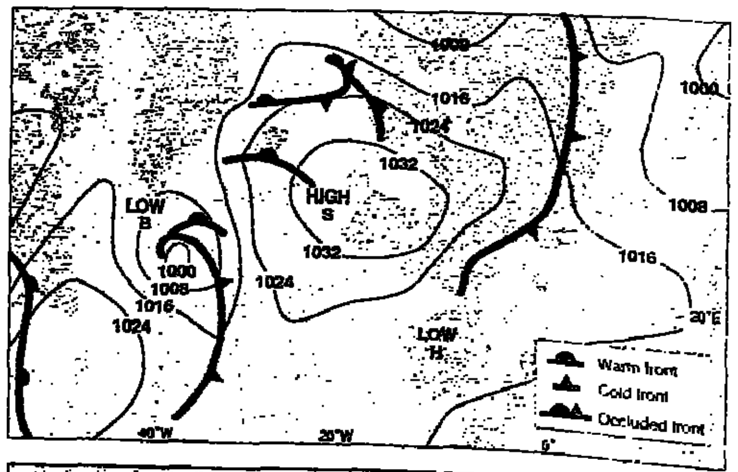
Berlin	24	75	c	Istanbul	29	84	s	Naples	32	90	f	Tokyo	31	88	s
Bermuda	28	82	f	Jeddah	37	99	s	Nice	27	81	f	Toronto	27	81	f
Biarritz	27	81	s	Jo'burg	13	55	s	Oslo	19	66	c	Tunis	28	82	s
Borde'x	29	84	s	L Angels	22	72	f	Paris	23	73	f	Valencia	28	82	s
Brussels	21	70	c	L Palmas	25	77	s	Peking	27	81	c	Vanc'ver	20	68	s
Budapest	28	82	f	Le Touqet	16	61	f	Perth	15	59	c	Venice	29	84	s
Cairo	31	88	s	Lisbon	28	82	s	Prague	26	79	f	Vienna	27	81	s
Cape Tn	12	54	r	Locarno	27	81	s	Reykjavik	11	52	c	Warsaw	25	77	f
Ch'church	4	39	x	Luxembg	24	75	s	Rhodes	26	79	s	Wash'ton	31	88	s
Chicago	23	73	f	Luxor	37	99	s	Rio de J	29	84	s	Wel'ngton	10	50	x
Cologne	21	70	f	Madrid	29	82	f	Riyadh	44	111	s	Zurich	26	79	s

Temperatures at midday Sunday local time. X — not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: high S will drift slowly east with little change in central pressure. Low B will move northeast and will gradually fill. Low H will transfer to central Iberia with little change



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.07	6.7	2.22	6.7	Leith	2.54	[illegible]	3.14	[illegible]
Aberdeen	1.30	4.1	1.55	4.0	Liverpool	11.42	[illegible]	11.52	[illegible]
Avonmouth	7.31	12.3	7.46	12.6	Lowestoft	9.46	[illegible]	10.25	[illegible]
Belfast	11.42	3.2	11.54	3.5	Margate	0.20	[illegible]	12.39	[illegible]
Cardiff	7.25	11.8	7.41	11.9	Milford Haven	6.33	[illegible]	6.47	[illegible]
Devonport	5.56	5.0	6.10	5.2	Newquay	5.19	[illegible]	5.38	[illegible]
Dover	11.36	6.5	11.55	6.3	Oban	6.07	[illegible]	6.14	[illegible]
Dublin (N Wall)	-	-	12.02	3.7	Penzance	5.00	[illegible]	5.18	[illegible]
Falmouth	5.21	4.7	5.43	5.1	Portland	7.10	[illegible]	7.21	[illegible]
Greenock	0.44	3.3	1.22	3.0	Portsmouth	11.49	[illegible]	11.51	[illegible]
Harwich	0.02	3.8	12.21	3.8	Shoreham	11.50	[illegible]	11.54	[illegible]
Holyhead	10.43	5.1	10.57	5.3	Southampton	11.12	[illegible]	11.25	[illegible]
Hull (Albert D)	6.32	7.1	6.58	6.8	Swansea	6.35	[illegible]	6.55	[illegible]
Ilfracombe	6.24	8.7	6.37	9.0	Tees	3.56	[illegible]	4.12	[illegible]
King's Lynn	6.35	6.3	6.55	6.2	Walton-on-Naze	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.14	[illegible]

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.02 am
Sun sets: 9.10 pm
Moon sets: 9.08 pm
Moon rises: 8.06 am
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London 9.10 pm to 5.04 am
Bristol 9.20 pm to 5.14 am
Edinburgh 9.47 pm to 4.51 am
Manchester 9.29 pm to 5.02 am
Penzance 9.25 pm to 5.32 am

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